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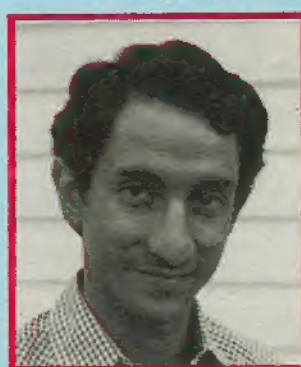
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COVER ACTION: Great Scots! Manchester United's Gordon McQueen towers above £1½m Andy Gray. Gray had the last laugh though – scoring in Wolves' 3–1 win. His striking partner John Richards is pictured in full colour on pages 6 and 7.

Below: All the signs pointed to a replay at Molineux . . . after equalising Palace's shock 90-second opener, Wolves seemed content to play out time. Then Mel Eves rushed in to give them a memorable victory. Here he leaps over Palace goalkeeper John Burridge after putting away an easy chance.

Left: Wolves produced a tremendous fighting display to dump Crystal Palace out of the third round of the League Cup. Here Willie Carr typifies Wolves' determination with a fierce challenge on Mike Flanagan.



League Cup SPECIAL



Northampton produced a sterling defensive display, but could not prevent First Division Brighton returning with a 1-0 victory. Here Brighton's Peter Ward escapes the sliding tackle of Russell Townsend.



Peterborough took a shock first-half lead against Bristol City before being pegged back late in the game. Here Posh's Billy Kellock gets in a header during his team's first-half onslaught.

Newsbriefs



"We must avoid drop" — Gray

ANDY GRAY and John Richards of Wolves are fast becoming the most-feared strike partnership in the First Division. But according to £1½ million Gray, it could be the players around them who will be hitting the headlines in the next few weeks.

He said: "It's going to be very difficult for teams to handle both me and John, and at the same time take care of other forwards.

"We've got people like Kenny Hibbitt, Willie Carr and Peter Daniel to take advantage of the extra space created if the other teams concentrate on myself and John.

"That's what is going to benefit us in seasons to come.

"But at the moment, despite our victory over League leaders Manchester United and our high position in the League, we are just concentrating on avoiding relegation.

"Once we get 35 points we can start to relax and play better football — but until then we've got to put all thoughts of championships and cups out of our minds."

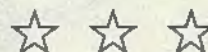


Frosties now favourite . . .

The recent interruption in the supply of cornflakes caused England and Manchester United winger Steve Coppell to alter his pre-match eating habits.

Cornflakes are Steve's favourite pre-match meal. He was forced to switch to Frosties and later starred in the home win over Middlesbrough.

"Things went well and I will continue with the Frosties until I hit a bad patch" said the **MATCH WEEKLY** columnist, who had tried to convince us he wasn't superstitious!



● MANCHESTER City's expensive team had a lie-in before the recent home game with Coventry . . . and then went out to demolish the opposition by three goals.

Previously manager Malcolm Allison had got the players together for an 8.30 a.m. workout.

This time he abandoned the early-morning routine and the players reported in the afternoon.

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'Doc' junior has to quit

MICK DOCHERTY, the mild-mannered son of extrovert soccer boss Tommy Docherty, has been forced to hang up his boots.

A specialist warned that because of a severe knee injury he risked being crippled for life if he continued playing.

"It's a tragedy for Mick and the team," said Sunderland manager Ken Knighton.

"He is one of the best professionals I have ever known."

But Mick, 28, showed a commendable philosophical attitude. The former Burnley and Manchester City player said: "I'm shattered but I'm also a realist. If playing means having to walk for the rest of my life with the aid of a stick, I have got to think of my wife and family."

Mick aims to stay in the game as a coach.

'Shep' backs Banks story



FORMER England stalwart Harold Shepherdson has backed Gordon Banks in his recent claim that he was poisoned before England's World Cup quarter-final defeat by West Germany in 1970.

Banks went sick hours before the crucial game that Germany won 3-2 after being 2-0 down.

It was Peter Bonetti's first game in the tournament and the widely-held view was that Banks would have prevented at least one of the goals.

Harold Shepherdson, who for 17 years was England trainer, told **MATCH WEEKLY**: "There's no doubt in my mind that Gordon was got at."

"He, Bobby Charlton and Keith Newton shared the same room. Both Bobby and Keith also felt queasy but nowhere near as bad as Banksie."



Pejic praise from Hilaire

CRYSTAL PALACE wizard winger Vince Hilaire has good news for disillusioned Aston Villa fans.

Hilaire rates new Villa signing Mike Pejic the best full-back he has come up against this year.

"He gave me a tough time," said Hilaire after the recent Selhurst Park clash between the two sides.

"I've found that in the First Division full-backs concentrate on attacking as much as defending and I spend a lot of time in my own half. Pejic was different - he was only concerned with defending."

"As for Villa themselves, I can't see them struggling for too long. They've got a lot of skill in the club with players like Gordon Cowans and Dennis Mortimer."

Barnsley Boys O.K.

THE BIG-MONEY transfer of Steve Daley from Wolves to Manchester City completed a memorable double for Barnsley Schools football. Daley's move followed immediately in the wake of Brian Greenhoff's switch from Manchester United. Both players were in the same Barnsley Boys' side in 1966!

Irwin on the move?

COLIN IRWIN, the 22-year-old central defender who took his first-team chance at Liverpool when Alan Hansen was unfit, still believes he might have to try another club if he can't win a regular place at Anfield by Christmas.

Dean aims to make it pay

FOREST fan Dean Milosevic was willing to pay for his own cross-the-world air fare for a trial with the European Cup winners.

So 17-year-old Dean worked as a labourer and then a shop assistant back home in Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia, to scrape together the cash for the trip to England.

He's now started a two-month trial period at the City Ground and says: "I'm putting everything into it because I'm desperate to try and make a career for myself in professional football."

"Forest are always in the news in Australia. I read and heard so much about them that they were the club I wanted to join."

So Milosevic, a left-sided midfielder player or striker, is now out to prove to Clough that he's worth a full-time contract.

SOCCER SHORTS

QUOTE from Leeds' goalkeeper David Harvey after a training session in Valetta's Gzira stadium in Malta: "It would be safer playing on the M1 on a Bank Holiday than turning out here."

CHELSEA caretaker boss Geoff Hurst took a bold step recently when he transferred eight players - John Sinton, John Sparrow, Jim Docherty, Trevor Aylott, John Phillips, David Stewart, Iori Jenkins and Robert Knock. At the same time Peter Osgood has quit football.



Geoff Hurst

SPAIN have banned all players over the age of 25 from their Third Division. A Spanish Football Federation spokesman is quoted as saying that if the players haven't made the grade to the First or Second Divisions by then, they should look for another trade.

It pays Spanish players to have wives and children. Gijon, runners-up to Real Madrid last season pay players £75 extra each month to married men and £25 a month extra for each child!

MANCHESTER United have signed another member of the Greenhoff family. Alan Stevenson, a nephew of brothers Brian and Jimmy, has joined Old Trafford as an apprentice professional.

A BONUS for armchair football fans is on the way with an increase in midweek soccer on the box following a big deal between the F.A. and TV.

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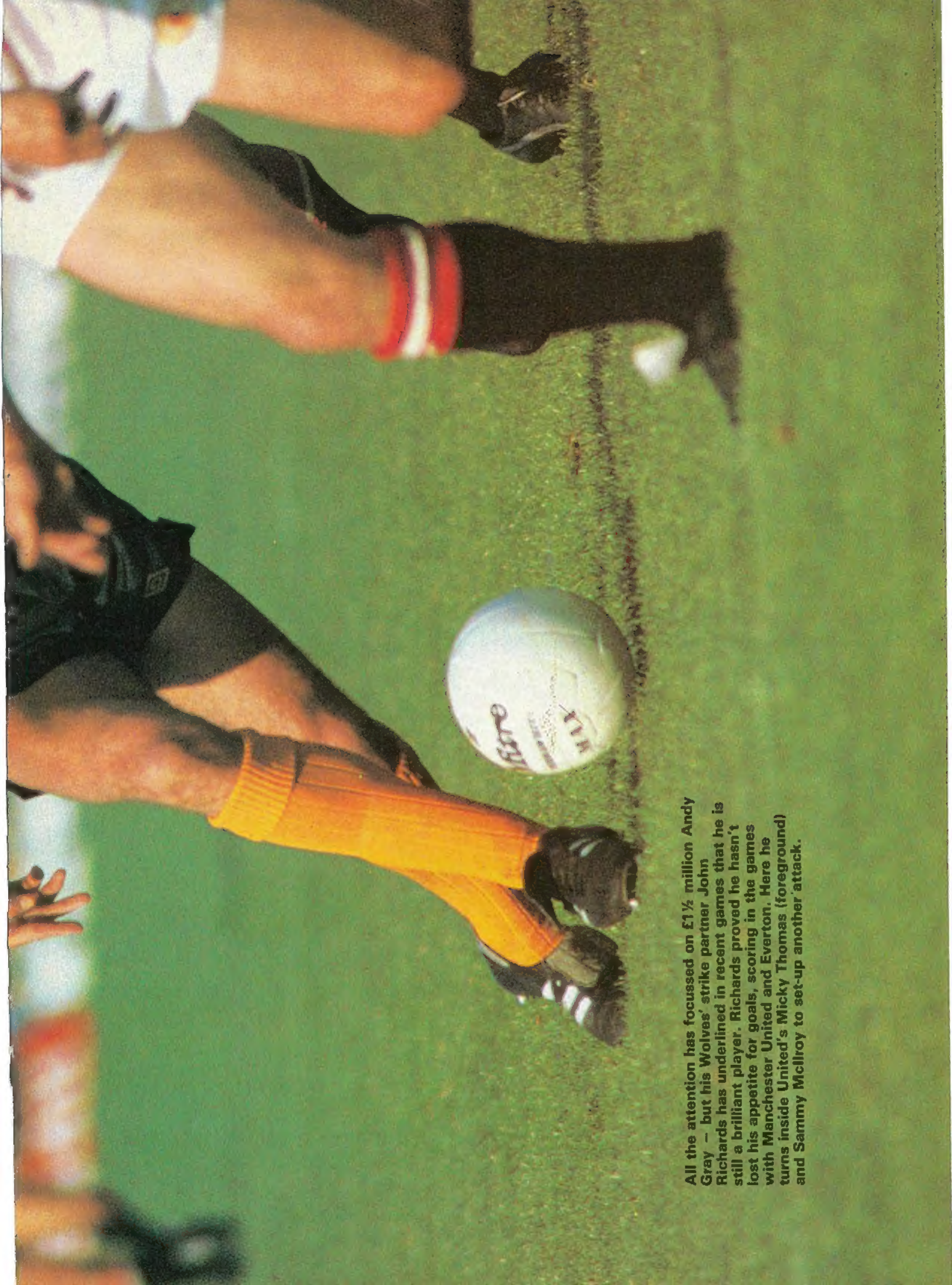
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Wolverhampton Wanderers 3
(Hibbitt 32, Gray 77, Richards 80)

Manchester United 1
(Macari 8)

Attendance: 35,954





All the attention has focussed on £1½ million Andy Gray – but his Wolves' strike partner John Richards has underlined in recent games that he is still a brilliant player. Richards proved he hasn't lost his appetite for goals, scoring in the games with Manchester United and Everton. Here he turns inside United's Micky Thomas (foreground) and Sammy McIlroy to set-up another attack.

The Pressure's On!

—but youngsters should see us through



I AM writing to you this week from a very uncomfortable and depressing position — the foot of the First Division.

Our recent disappointing 1-1 draw at home to West Bromwich Albion left us anchored at the bottom on goal difference.

Of course, I and my team-mates will be doing all we can to shake off this dark cloud that hangs over Tottenham Hotspur.

These are difficult days for the club with new young players trying to find their feet in the higher grade, and injuries continuing to deprive us of some of our experienced stars.

There is also a lot of pressure on the team and manager Keith Burkinshaw. It is unusual for a great club like Spurs to be in this position and the press and media are giving us a lot of attention.

Some players can live with this pressure. Others find it difficult to take. A lot of the pressure comes from our supporters, who have been as frustrated as the rest of us at the poor start.

I think our supporters are as good as any in the country. Everywhere we go our supporters follow and this is very good for team morale. But sometimes they get restless and this is passed on to our team.

But if things are not going so well now, the future certainly looks good for the club.

Two young players have come into the side this season and have done very, very well.

Our new right-back, Chris Hughton, has played excellently in all his six games so far and, if he carries on like this, I don't think he will play many more reserve games.

He is a very intelligent boy and may play for England one day. In the West Bromwich game he

BELOW: Youngster Mike Hazard has got bags of skill and is one of a number of young players waiting to get in the Tottenham side.



hardly gave international winger Peter Barnes a kick of the ball.

Similarly Paul Miller has looked very impressive. He has bags of personality, is strong and very competitive.

There are other young players also waiting their turn. One is Mike Hazard, who has also got bags of skill.

These reserve and youth team players only need a bit more experience to become even better.

The influence of Terry Yorath, our early season signing from Coventry, has been important in helping Chris and Paul settle down.

Terry is just the type of player Tottenham need. He runs a lot in the midfield, is aggressive, very strong, and is continually talking to the other lads.

People ask me what sort of person he is off the field. They seem surprised when I say he is very nice and a good friend of mine. They think because he is fiery on the field he will be the same off it. But Terry is a very

friendly person and I get on well with him.

I let my temper get the better of me in the game with West Bromwich. The referee blew for a foul, which I thought was wrong, so I kicked the ball away in disgust.

Immediately the referee reached for the dreaded yellow card and I can have no complaints about that. The referee's decision might be wrong, it might be right. But, whatever, he is the referee and you must go with his decisions.

I was very wrong in that instance. It was the first time I have been booked in England and I'm hoping it will be the last.

There was a lot of talk after the game about the referee as there were four other bookings. My manager, Keith Burkinshaw, said afterwards that managers, administrators and players should get together with referees to discuss the whole situation. He said everybody was frustrated with how things stood at the moment.

On a more personal note I was relieved to get through the West Bromwich game without any reaction to the ankle injury which kept me out for three games.

It was my first game back and I was a little afraid before the start as I did not know how the ankle was going to stand up. I did not have long to find out.

After only about five minutes I went into a hard tackle with another player but luckily came out of it with no problems. I felt very tired at the end of the game but my ankle was OK.

I'm hoping that it is the end of my injury problems for the season. Join me again next week . . .



TOP LEFT: Paul Miller, Tottenham's young centre-half, has bags of personality, is strong and very competitive.



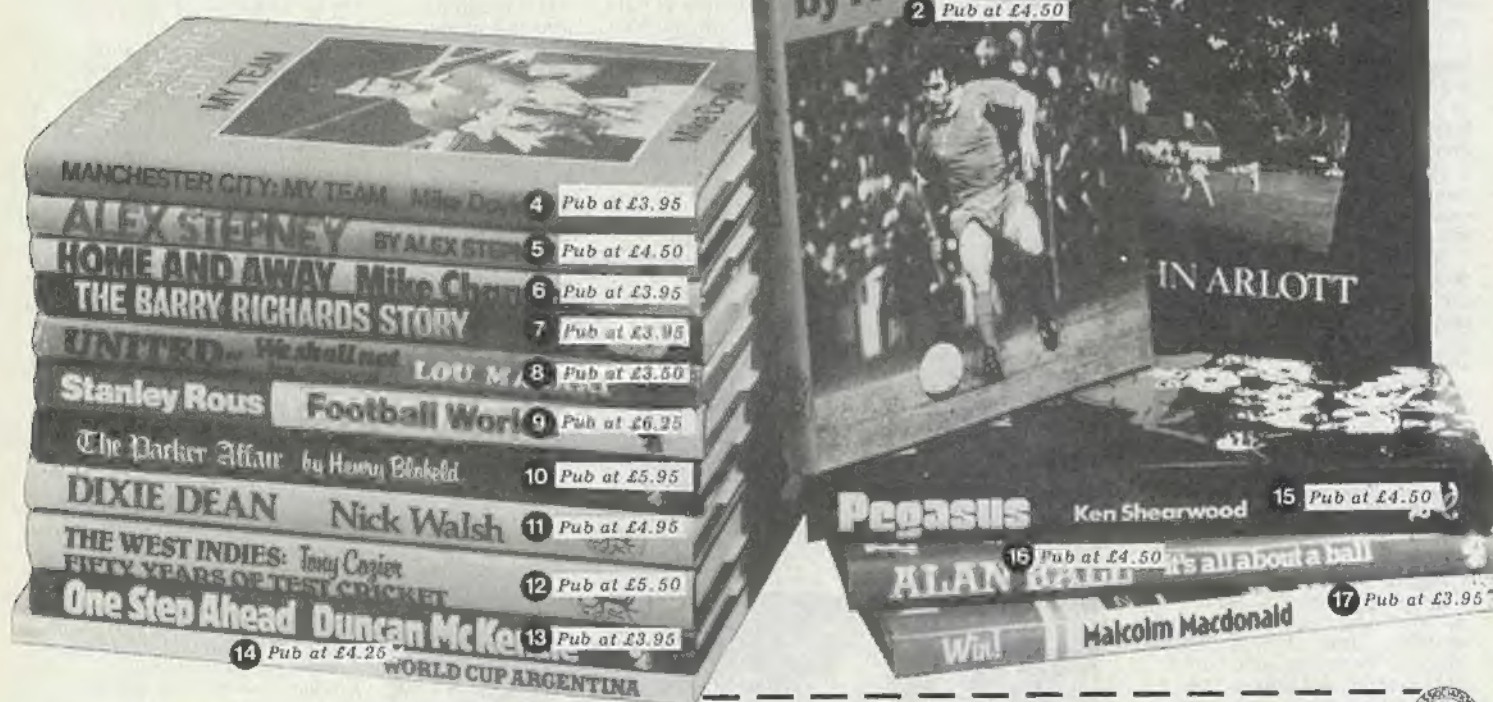
The influence of Terry Yorath (left) has been important. He is aggressive, very strong and is continually encouraging the lads.

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Palace progress is crystal clear



CRYSTAL Palace are on top of the First Division and have already proved that they are here to stay.

You may remember that in the first issue of Match I predicted they would do really well. Nothing I've seen up to now makes me want to change my mind.

Terry Venables is a talented manager. He excels as a coach, finds public relations easy and believes in bringing on his own young players.

At the same time he has demonstrated that he can manipulate the transfer market to get what he wants, without frightening the life out of the bank manager.

I particularly like the way he has woven a thread of experience through his team of talented youngsters.

John Burridge in goal is a dedicated, perhaps fanatical, pro who inspires the young players around him to live up to his high standards of fitness and training.

Jim Cannon at number five is a player I've watched for some years now, without ever feeling he had what it takes to be an international. But he seems to have reached a level of solid, sensible consistency which has forced Jock Stein to consider him seriously for Scottish honours.

By persuading ex-England midfielder player Gerry Francis to join Palace from Queens Park Rangers, Venables pulled off a master coup. Not only did he sign a talented player, bursting to prove himself an international once more, but he

knew Francis' composure and experience would be invaluable in developing the raw ability of Peter Nicholas and Jerry Murphy.

Putting his injuries behind him, Francis is becoming an increasing influence on the team's performances and could well win back an England place before very long.

By buying Mike Flanagan from Charlton, Venables proved once again that he knows the blend he's looking for. Flanagan will always score goals in any division and his cheeky confidence fits snugly alongside David Swindlehurst's willing and unselfish running.

The third member of the Palace strike force, Vince Hilaire, completes the trio of varied talents. He has extraordinary ability, is capable

of reaching superb heights, and one day may stay there.

If you add supremely talented and confident international Ken Sansom, up and coming Bill Gilbert and the greatly improved Paul Hinshelwood, you'll see why I liked the look of Palace's chances.

I think Terry is very lucky to have one of the best chairmen in the business in Raymond Bloye. Mr Bloye's apprenticeship at Palace was a tough one, an almost constant tale of lost matches and money. Yet never once did he lose faith and always managed a smile, even at the most bitter defeat. He deserves to enjoy a bit of glory!

I think the club is lucky also in its position in south London and the strength of the support it is getting seems to prove this point.

Selhurst Park is a pleasantly situated ground and a little further out of town than it's once-senior London rivals, Chelsea, Fulham and QPR.

I have a theory that people have had enough of travelling to London in the week and a visit to Palace feels more like a holiday than crossing the river back into London again.

Those facts may favour Terry Venables and Palace, but Terry has made his own luck as a manager.

Intelligent thinking and a sane approach to football's problems helps push luck a manager's way.

Mind you, luck hasn't always been with Terry. I remember as a player his efforts were sometimes not appreciated by the Tottenham crowd. In one match Terry had made three most effective first-time passes which were hardly seen never mind applauded!

We put them together to show them on TV so the fans would see how good he really was. Unfortunately the programme went out on the day that Concorde first flew from London Airport. The take-off took only two minutes, but we cut away live to cover it exactly at the point when Terry's magic passes were to be seen. From that day to this they've never seen the light of day.

It proves you can't win them all, but that doesn't mean that Terry's harmonic blend of ancient and modern will not have the fans singing hymns of praise at Selhurst Park for some time to come.



Four reasons behind Palace's success . . . (from left) Vince Hilaire, Gerry Francis, Mike Flanagan and Jerry Murphy.

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● **QUESTION:** Can you name the very first Association Football club and what was the worst occasion of violence in a game?

Raymond Bell, Berwick, Shetland

The oldest Football League Club is Notts County who were formed in 1862. The worst occasion of violence was at Montevideo on November 4, 1967, in a World Club Championship match between Racing Club (Buenos Aires) and Celtic which Racing Club won 1-0. Three players were sent off on each side in a game described as no better than a "bar room brawl."

● **QUESTION:** What is the record number of own goals scored by one team in a season and is it possible to say which team has scored the most own goals since its formation?

Andrew Vaughan, Chessington, Surrey

That's a tough one Andrew, and I'm afraid it is impossible to say which club has scored the most own goals since formation. However in the 1957/58 season Charlton Athletic were responsible for eight own goals in Division Two matches — one of the most extensive cases ever known.

● **QUESTION:** If a player was sent off during the F.A. Cup Final would he be allowed to rejoin his team for the presentation of the medals?

John Harvey, Breaston, Derby.

The simple answer to that John is, yes.

● **QUESTION:** Which club holds the record for the longest run of home league games without defeat?

John Harnett, Gravesend, Kent.

Millwall hold the record, John. After losing their last home game in the 1963/64 season they went unbeaten in all their next 59 home games before losing 2-1 to Plymouth on January 14, 1967.

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| 2. Who was his first Manager at this Club? A Ron Ashman B Gordon Taylor C Lawrie McMenemy | 8. Which other player made his debut in the same match? A Mick Mills B Trevor Brooking C Ray Clemence |
| 3. Against which team did he make his First Division debut for Liverpool? A Nottingham Forest B WBA C Spurs | 9. How many goals has he scored so far for England (including the last game against Denmark)? A 16 B 20 C 18 |
| 4. Against which team did he score his only English league hat-trick? A Bolton B Coventry C Ipswich | 10. How many full international caps has he won (including Denmark)? A 25 B 47 C 52 |
| 5. How many under-23 caps did he win? A 15 B 5 C 9 | 11. In which year was he voted English Footballer of the Year by the soccer writers? A 1975 B 1976 C 1977 |
| 6. Against which Country did he score his only goal for the under-23's? A Austria B West Germany C East Germany | 12. Who is his current Manager at Hamburg? A Helmut Schoen B Gerd Muller C Gunter Netzer |

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Slimline Flanagan's back in the big time



Flanagan's team-mate Steve Kember (left) discussing a training topic with Palace manager Terry Venables.

an important principle that I was fighting for. And things could not have worked out better."

Palace put Flanagan through a crash course in fitness that quickly dissolved unwanted flab that had taken the sting from his lightning reflexes and speed off the mark.

"I lost eight pounds in four weeks," said Flanagan. "And I felt myself getting sharper all the time."

At 25, there was a distinct danger that Flanagan's talent would be lost to League football.

He walked out on Charlton in February after the club took Derek Hales back after sacking him and fining Flanagan when the pair were sent-off for fighting each other in an F.A. Cup tie.

"My move, when it came, was going to be the most important of my life and I wanted it to be the right one after all I had been through to get it," he explained.

That was why he rejected the chance of lucrative transatlantic moves to Tampa Bay Rowdies and New England Teamen of Boston and the opportunity to become part of Malcolm Allison's revolution at Manchester City.

"They just weren't right for

me and when Palace came in, I was delighted . . . for a number of reasons.

"Firstly, it enabled me to stay in London. I was born down here, feel happy down here and most of my friends and relatives are down here. I didn't have to uproot my family.

"But, most important, Palace are a go-ahead club with ambitions that match my own. They want to reach the top and I want to be there with them.

"Terry Venables is a progressive manager, full of ideas for the club and for the team. It is a great experience playing for him. He has a marvellous knack of getting the best out of people."

And if Flanagan wanted confirmation that the move to Selhurst Park was the best he could have made, it has come in the impressive opening assault Palace have made this

Four draws against Manchester City, Southampton, Middlesbrough and Wolves gave notice that Palace had the wit and willingness to live with the teams in the First Division.

It was poor Stockport and then Derby who felt the full blast of a confident Flanagan in the League Cup and League respectively.

Flanagan opened his account

Mick Flanagan in action against Wolves' Peter Daniel earlier this season in the 1-1 draw at Molineux.

for Palace at Stockport in a 1-1 draw in the first leg of a second round League Cup tie. There was no holding him then.

Palace's first win of the season came with the considerable help of two superbly taken Flanagan goals - and that was more than coincidence that an in-form Flanagan meant a successful Palace.

Two more goals came three days later in a 7-0 thrashing of Stockport in the second leg. Five goals in seven days. Vintage Flanagan.

"The way we are playing I fancy us strongly to qualify for Europe and finish in the top six in the League. I really cannot see anyone thrashing us.

"The defence is superbly organised and gives very little away. The midfield is fluent, aggressive and creative and I am striking up a fine partnership with Dave Swindlehurst up front."

HE LOOKS thinner and sharper and a lot better for it. In every sense, the re-modelled Mick Flanagan is back in the big time.

His £650,000 move to Crystal Palace from Charlton not only ended one of the most controversial and protracted transfer sagas in football history.

It also re-kindled the flame inside Flanagan, the unquenchable thirst for goals and appetite for football that was blunted during those dark days at The Valley.

"I was quite willing to stay out of the game for another two years until my contract with Charlton was up," said Flanagan.

"I missed football . . . tremendously. But I felt it was

match makers

MIKE FLANAGAN (Crystal Palace)

FULL NAME Michael Anthony Flanagan
BIRTHPLACE/DATE Ilford, Essex, 9th November, 1952

HEIGHT/WEIGHT 5ft 10ins 12st 4lb

MARRIED Yes, to Louise

CHILDREN One son, Adam

CAR Toyota Celica GT

PREVIOUS CLUBS Tottenham and Charlton

TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO None

CLUB NICKNAME Flan

WORST EVER INJURY Cartilage

FAVOURITE BRITISH PLAYER AND WHY Kenny Dalglish, because he is a forward like myself and he has a gift for scoring goals

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM Liverpool

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY Kevin Keegan, who is a credit to English football - both here and abroad

BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM The Tottenham team of the 1960's

MY ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS Clemence Wilson, Moore, Watson, Cohen, Peters, Ball, Brooking, Keegan, Charlton, B. Hurst

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND Manchester City

FAVOURITE STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE

PLAYED Cosmos stadium in New York

BEST GOAL SCORED One I got for Charlton against Sheffield United

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED Terry McDermott's goal for Liverpool against Everton, which won Match of the Day's Goal of the Season award

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT There are two

Mike Doyle and Dennis Smith of Stoke

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH My debut for England 'B' against West Germany

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL Scoring against Cosmos in New York when New England won 3-1

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT Not playing in Division One sooner

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS Tennis and golf
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES Pre-season and injuries

FAVOURITE TV The Two Ronnies and the Professionals

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF Coronation Street

FAVOURITE READING Football magazines

FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER George Benson and Stevie Wonder

FAVOURITE FOOD Roast on Sunday's

FAVOURITE DRINK Wine

BEST COUNTRY VISITED America

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS Steve McQueen, Joan Collins

BEST FILM SEEN IN 79 Midnight Express

BEST FRIEND Many

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER There are three - Pat Welton at Tottenham, Andy Nelson at Charlton and Terry Venables at Crystal Palace

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL

Losing

PRE MATCH MEAL Tea and toast

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS England Youth and England 'B'

PERSONAL AMBITION To win honours with Crystal Palace and see them get into Europe

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION To play for England and get the best out of my career

CAREER AFTER PLAYING Coaching or a business

A PLAYER FOR THE EIGHTIES There are four Ken Sansom, Vince Hilaire, Peter Nicholas and Jerry Murphy, all of Palace

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET Muhammad Ali

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Colchester U v Reading

Division Four

Stockport Co v Hereford U

Saturday, October 6

Division One

Arsenal v Man. C.....
Aston Villa v Southampton.....
Coventry C v Everton.....
C. Palace v Spurs.....
Derby v Bolton.....
Leeds v Ipswich.....
Liverpool v Bristol C.....
Man. U v Brighton.....
Middlesbro' v W.B.A.....
Norwich v Stoke.....
Nottm. Forest v Wolves.....

Division Two

Bristol R v Notts. C.....
Burnley v Chelsea.....
Cambridge v Swansea.....
Cardiff v Luton.....
Fulham v Wrexham.....
Oldham v Orient.....
Preston v B'ham.....
S'bury v Leicester.....
S'land v Charlton.....
Watford v Q.P.R.....
West Ham v Newcastle.....

Division Three

Brentford v Barnsley.....
Bury v Southend.....
Carlisle v Wimbledon.....
Chester v Plymouth A.....
Ches'fd v Oxford.....
Exeter v Blackpool.....
Gillingham v Blackburn R.....
Millwall v Grimsby.....
Rotherham v Sheff. Utd.....
Sheff. Wed v Mansfield.....
Swindon v Hull.....

Division Four

Bournemouth v H'pool.....
Aldershot v Bradford.....
Crewe A v Doncaster R.....
Halifax v Newport Co.....
Northampton v Tranmere.....
Peterboro' v Hud'sfield.....
Portsmouth v Darlington.....
Port Vale v Lincoln.....
Scunthorpe v Walsall.....
Wigan A v Torquay U.....
York C v Rochdale.....

Scottish League Premier Division

Dundee U v Rangers.....
Hibernian v Morton.....
Kilmarnock v Dundee.....
Partick T v Celtic.....
St. Mirren v Aberdeen.....

Division One

Arbroath v Raith R.....
Ayr U v Stirling A.....
Clyde v Airdrie.....
Dumbarton v Hearts.....
Dunf'line v Clydebank.....
Hamilton A v Berwick R.....
St. Johnstone v Motherwell.....

Division Two

Alloa v Cowd'th.....
Brechin C v Albion R.....
East Fife v Q. of South.....
Falkirk v Forfar A.....
Queen's Park v Meadowbank.....
St'muir v East Stirling.....
Stranraer v Montrose.....

Monday, October 8

Division Two

Wrexham v Oldham A

Division Three

Mansfield T v Rotherham.....
Southend v Gillingham.....

Division Four

Tranmere v Peterboro'

Tuesday, October 9

Division One

Bolton v Liverpool.....
Brighton v Aston Villa.....
Bristol C v Coventry.....
Everton v Leeds.....
Ipswich v Arsenal.....
Southampton v C. Palace.....
Wolves v Derby.....

Division Two

B'ham v Sunderland.....
Charlton v Burnley.....
Luton T v Bristol R.....
Notts. Co. v Shrewsbury.....
Orient v Fulham.....
Q.P.R. v Cardiff.....
Swansea v Watford.....

Division Three

Barnsley v Ches'fd.....
Grimsby v Chester.....
Hull v Sheff. Wed.....
Plymouth v Millwall.....
Sheff. U v Colchester.....
Wimbledon v Exeter.....

Division Four

Darlington v York.....
Doncaster v Halifax.....
H'pool v Scunthorpe.....
Hud'sfield v Wigan.....
Newport v Aldershot.....
Rochdale v Stockport.....
Walsall v Bournemouth.....

Wednesday, October 10

Division One

Man. C v Middlesbro'.....
Stoke v Nottm. Forest.....
Spurs v Norwich.....
W.B.A. v Man. U.....

Division Two

Chelsea v West Ham.....
Leicester v Cambridge.....
Newcastle v Preston.....

Division Three

Blackburn v Carlisle.....
Blackpool v Bury.....
Oxford v Brentford.....
Reading v Swindon.....

Division Four

Bradford C v N'hampton.....
Hereford v Port Vale.....
Lincoln v Crewe.....
Torquay v Portsmouth.....
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ATKINSON

THIS week Ron Atkinson analyses the performance of Martin Buchan, of Manchester United, and Liverpool's Phil Thompson, but would you like to nominate two players for Ron to compare? Send us your ideas, stating briefly why you have made your selection, to: **MATCH WEEKLY** (Analysis), Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough, PE1 1UB.

MUCH of the credit for the success of Liverpool and Manchester United is so often attributed to their attacking strength.

But to my mind a key factor is the solid efficiency of their defensive masterminds and it's no stroke of luck that in the case of these two great clubs, they are also the captains.

They are both quiet dependable characters and a credit to their clubs.

Shooting is probably an unfair aspect to discuss in relation to these two defenders, but one goal that does spring to mind is that long shot Martin Buchan knocked in on TV against Everton last season. That really was something special. However, on the whole I can't allow them anymore than 6 out of 10 for their shooting.

Thompson gets my vote for ball control, but overall on the way they perform on the left and right sides, Buchan just has an edge, although essentially they are both right-footed.

Phil Thompson gets the vote on accurate passing.

They possess nothing special as regards vision, an effective 7 apiece is the best I can give them, but Phil's passing is to my mind a shade more accurate. The same with heading.

Getting to grips with tackling is a difficult one, because they possess such different styles. Thompson's an out and out tackler, goes in hard to win the ball, Buchan's more of an interceptor, and he relies on knocking the ball off you if you fractionally lose control. Having said that though, we've crucified Martin nearly every time we have played United, so on personal experience I'm going for Thompson 9-7 in the tackle department.



Martin Buchan - organising United's defence.

Perhaps I was a bit unfair with Martin in the last category so I'll praise him for his biggest asset - speed. I'd give him 10, but in an earlier analysis I gave Trevor Francis a maximum and he's the fastest thing over 30 yards in football, so it will have to be 9 for Mr. Buchan.

Thompson's not quick, but his temperament is what I would

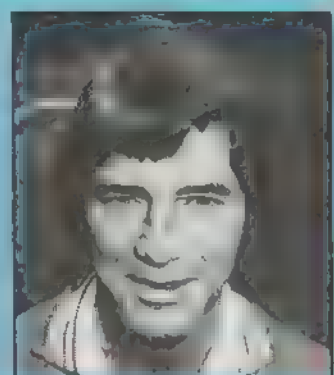
describe as 'ace', and he gets 10 for that and 10 for teamwork, too.

Finally stamina... both are fit enough as back players. You never see either of them completely shattered, but then you wouldn't in that position. Thompson is inclined to get involved more so, no problem, 9-8 to him.

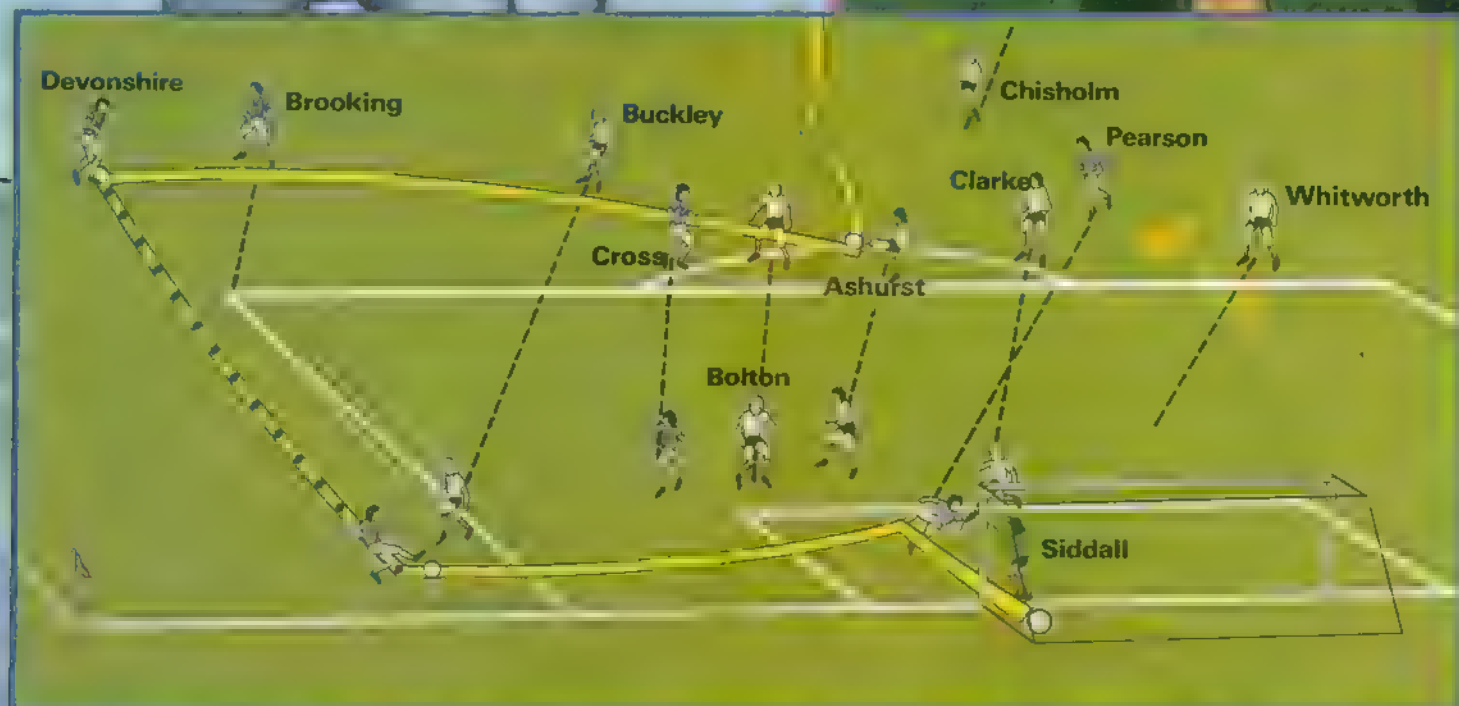
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| Thompson | | Buchan |
|----------|----------------|--------|
| 6 | Shooting | 6 |
| 7 | Ball control | 8 |
| 8 | Passing | 7 |
| 6 | Left side | 7 |
| 8 | Right side | 8 |
| 7 | Vision | 7 |
| 9 | Temperament | 7 |
| 9 | Heading | 7 |
| 9 | Tackling | 7 |
| 9 | Stamina | 8 |
| 7 | Speed | 9 |
| 10 | Teamwork | 8 |
| 95 | TOTAL | 89 |
| 120 | Maximum | 120 |



GOLD



EN GOALS



Stuart Pearson (West Ham) v Sunderland, Division Two, Upton Park, September 15, 1979.

IT was a goal West Ham supporters have acclaimed so many times in the past – a near post ball for the front man to rifle home.

This time the exponents had changed. Instead of Trevor Brooking and Geoff Hurst it was Alan Devonshire and Stuart Pearson working the old one-two – but the result was just as deadly.

No wonder Stuart Pearson, Hammers' new £225,000 striker, called it the perfect goal.

"Everything had to be just right," he said. "Luckily it worked out that way. Alan Devonshire's ball couldn't have been better timed, my run was right on cue and my connection with the ball as it came across was perfect. I knew it was a goal straight away."

And yet the goal would never have come about if Kevin Arnott had put away a golden chance at the other end. Billy Bonds beat him to a through ball, fed it back to goalkeeper Phil Parkes and set in motion the second goal of the game – a goal the Upton Park faithful will be talking about for months to come.

Parkes launched a huge kick upfield. Jackie Ashurst missed his kick, recovered, but could only send a poor pass out to Devonshire.

Devonshire took ten strides before clipping a peach of a pass. Pearson, aware of the situation, came away from Jeff Clarke and met the ball first time. Poor Barry Siddall in the Sunderland goal had no chance. Pearson's clenched fist salute said it all: the magic in scoring his first league goal for the Hammers and the second in their 2-0 win.

"I've scored more spectacular or more individual goals but this must rate as one of the best team goals I've been involved in," Pearson added.

"We've often worked on it in training but this was the first time we've been able to get to the by-line to put it into practice."



So close! Stuart Pearson fires in a second-half shot against Sunderland which whistled past the post.

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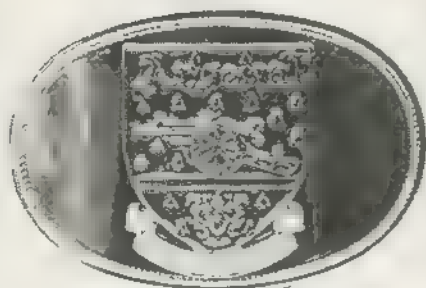
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ATTACK!

"It's the only way," says fearless Leicester boss Jock Wallace.

LEICESTER manager Jock Wallace is a man who believes in attacking football... and, better still, a man prepared to put his beliefs into practice on the park.

There are obvious dangers in his positive policy, but it doesn't frighten the tough-talking Scot.

In these days of win at all cost football, when so much defensive play has hit gates, it's great to hear Wallace say: "There is too much fear attached to attacking football. I believe in it and I always have done."

Leicester's fans have only to look to the success Wallace enjoyed in the hot seat at Rangers to see that his ideas work.

He had guided Rangers to Scotland's grand slam when he quit Glasgow and moved south to begin his major rebuilding job.

Leicester had seen a year of disappointment in which manager Jimmy Bloomfield had resigned. Frank McLintock stepped in and raised hopes, but still the results didn't come and he, too parted company with them.

"The club was in the doldrums," admits Wallace, who took over the reins about 16 months ago.

Last season Leicester finished just three points clear of relegation, but his injection of new blood now appears to be starting to work.

Wallace has brought in a number of new players from his homeland - the latest being Derrick Strickland from Rangers.

Leicester's goalkeeper Mark Wallington, full-back Denis Rofe and Eddie Kelly are the only three of the club's old guard who have survived Wallace's upheaval. But both Wallington and Rofe are on the transfer list at their own request - they both want football in Division One.

They might get it at Filbert Street if they stay...

After the first six games of the new season Leicester were left just two points away from the top and Newcastle, to whom they lost 3-2 in a match that was a tremendous



Jock Wallace, demanding that little bit extra from his Leicester teenagers.

advertisement for football. It takes a brave team to go out and attack the north-east team on their home ground, but Wallace and Leicester did it.

"We have started well and morale at the club is very high. Leicester are now a better team and the players have learned good habits," says Wallace.

It's important that the club's fans have once more got something to shout about after past disappointments: "They are starting to believe in Leicester City Football Club now," he says.

But Wallace is making no public prediction as to whether Leicester can this season get back to Division One, which they were left holding up at the end of the 1977-78 campaign. "We only play one game at a time," he says.

IT'S A FACT!

BELIEVE IT or not,
but it's true. Among

the new managers appointed by Football League clubs in the past 12 months alone have been as many as 20 - yes, TWENTY - who were younger than the men they succeeded.

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LONDON hasn't been without First Division soccer since 1904 and Manchester since 1903, but neither can match Liverpool's proud distinction. There has never been a season since the Football League's 1888 inception when Merseyside has not had at least one club in the premier grade.

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BOURNEMOUTH and ex-Orient, Q.P.R., Luton, and Fulham manager Alec Stock claims longer post-war service in the role - 30 years - than anyone else. Can he go on to equal the record of the late Frank Buckley, whose 36 years from 1919 to 1955 was the longest managerial career anyone ever had in the Football League?

TWO - and only two of the current 92 clubs were actually elected to the Football League before they had kicked a ball in any competitive match! Bradford City (1903) and Chelsea (1905) were admitted after they had only been formed in each case since the end of the previous season.

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ON September 6, 1966, Kevin Hector (Bradford) and Barry Dyson (Tranmere Rovers) were in opposing forward lines in a Fourth Division game. Eleven days later Hector (Derby County) and Dyson (Crystal Palace) were on opposing sides in a Second Division match!

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IN A Molineux 1-1 match on February 17, 1973, Wolves looked set for a win through a Ken Hibbitt goal, but Newcastle United saved a point through a leveller by - Ken's elder brother Terry!

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CAN Wrexham's Dixie McNeil extend still further this season a record that already ranks without a parallel in the whole of F.A. Cup history? It's that he scored in every one of the eight rounds in which Wrexham figured in the past two seasons!

Goal famine!

BIG Joe Royle knew exactly how his goal drought would end . . . from a simple tap-in on the goal-line

And that's exactly what happened as he ended a barren spell of 24 games without scoring

Explained Royle, who played six games for England in an international career that lasted six seasons: "It was such a burden going so long without scoring that I didn't have the confidence to turn and blast the ball from thirty yards - so there was only one way I was going to break my run.

"Even then when the ball came over my first thought was 'Christ, I'm offside', even though there was no way I could be as the ball was pulled back by my team-mate Tom Ritchie."

The goal came against Royle's old Merseyside mate Emllyn Hughes when Wolves lost their unbeaten record at Ashton Gate and that goal was the first that Royle had scored for Bristol City since a Boxing Day hat-trick against Coventry.

His actual dry spell - an incredible 244 days!

Little wonder that Royle was having nightmares about his inability to hit the back of the net. He admitted: "You begin to think you are never going to score again I've never before had a spell like it.

"I even got out all my old scrapbooks to look at goals I had scored to see if I could spot what I was doing wrong. It got me down and for the first time ever I began to take football home to my wife

"Before then the only way she knew I was a footballer was because she saw my name in the papers. Goalscorers live on their confidence and I was on a high after scoring the hat-trick against Coventry.

"But then it gradually drained away. My only consolation was that the Bristol City manager Alan Dicks obviously thought Bristol were a better team with Joe Royle in than with Joe Royle out

"But I still longed to pick up the paper and see a goal against my name."

Royle's career with Bristol City he joined them from Manchester City in December, 1977, after a sensational debut on loan when he cracked home four goals in his first match in City's colours against Middlesbrough has been of a Jekyll and Hyde nature.

He added only four more League goals in his remaining 25 matches in his first year at Ashton Gate and last season even though he was a virtual ever-present he cracked home only seven goals - and that included his Boxing Day hat-trick



"I even looked up the scrapbooks to see what I was doing wrong," says Bristol City's Joe Royle.

REJECTED by Derby County, goalscorer and goal maker for Third Division Wimbledon . . . and hopes of success at a higher level, with the Football League's newest recruits.

Spot the missing name? Of course, it's the Londoner's striker Alan Cork, a man who has more than a few surprises for both spectators and pressmen. Cork hit 25 goals last season to help Wimbledon to promotion from Division Four - yet he doesn't rate himself as a real goalscorer!

"I know no-one believes me after all those goals," he says, "but I'm no great goalscorer - I like to make them for other people as much as scoring them myself."

Cork is an interesting character. He was rejected by Derby's then manager Tommy Docherty, and took up the chance to establish himself in the Fourth Division. Yet Derby are now struggling for goals in Division One football and it's just conceivable that Cork could have been the man to hit the net for the Baseball Ground club. Stranger things have happened in football!

"I'm not going to say I'm bitter," says Cork. "Maybe I could have done a job for Derby but I never got the chance. Docherty said I could

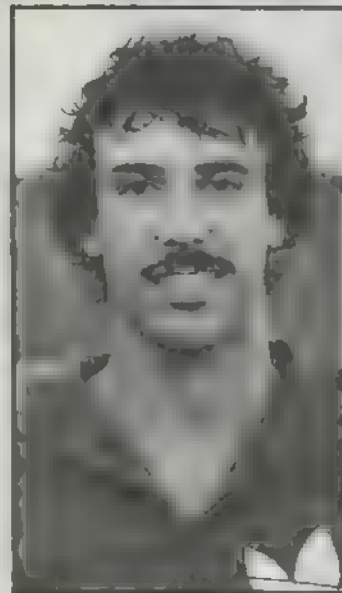
Goal feast!

go without ever seeing me play and I suppose that hurt a bit. But it was part of my football life because it's past now. I've got the future and Wimbledon to think of right now."

Cork admits it might have been nice to make it with his home town club. After all, he was Derby born and bred. But he accepts the fact that he had to move to find footballing success - and now he says: "I don't think I'd want to leave London. I've settled here and I'm very happy with this club."

Cork believes he would have got his chance at Derby if former manager Colin Murphy had stayed as manager. "I was coming along quite nicely and close to getting my chance. I would have had a chance too if he'd stayed, but then he left and I knew I'd had my opportunity. It was inevitable I would have to leave

"It's a hard life being a



"I'm no great goalscorer," says Wimbledon hot-shot Alan Cork

young lad trying to make it at a big club. I wasn't even 18 then and it was a disappointment. But you soon learn to forget those disappointments in football. They're part of everyday life

I'm 20 now and I feel sure my experiences at Derby taught me a lot. Perhaps I'm even a better player for those experiences. But I don't think people should say I'm a great goalscorer even though I got 25 last season

"I like to think I'm an all-round player rather than just a goalscorer. I'm certainly not a prolific goalscorer because I make more than I score. I'm not even a dangerous player in the box. I really don't know how I got 25 goals in one season but now I have to live up to it which is a bit hard. Still, it's just another part of a footballer's life, whether it's with a big First Division club or a side trying to establish itself in the Third Division, as we are at Wimbledon."

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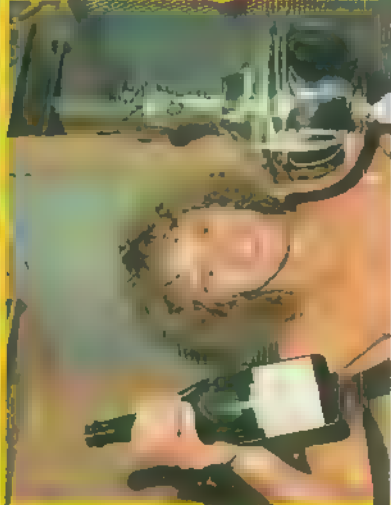
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BELOW: Vancouver's two goal hero, Trevor Whymark, the former Ipswich striker, with the huge trophy and a bottle of champagne, celebrates in the dressing room after the game.

BELOW RIGHT: So close . . . Trevor Whymark fires a free kick inches wide as Rodney Marsh lunges in for a tackle.

BOTTOM: Tampa Bay's Wes McLeod, John Gorman, Jan ver der Veen and Rodney Marsh organise a wall ready for a Whitecap's free kick.







REAL MADRID centre-forward **Carlos Santillana** jumps high to head his side's first goal in the 2-1 away win against **Rayo Vallecano** in the Spanish First Division. Jumping with him is Rayo's defender **Francisco Gomez Tanco**.

Kidnap threat

DENMARK's diminutive world class forward **Alan Simonsen** has had a guard put on his Barcelona home following kidnap threats.

"I have taken the necessary precautions to protect my family although I think the threats are just a bad joke," said Simonsen, who was voted 1978 European Footballer of the Year and starred in Denmark's recent game with England. Now he is an important member of the Barcelona team.



WORLD CHAMPIONS ARGENTINA suffered their second defeat in five days when Yugoslavia beat them 4-2 with sparkling attacking play.

The Yugoslav hero was hat-trick man **Safet Susic** who has now scored 11 goals in only 10 internationals.

It was a severe setback to Argentina who earlier went down 2-1 to West Germany in their two-match European tour.

The only time they captured their 1978 World Cup winning form was when skipper **Daniel Passarella** scored with a late stinging volley.

Stojanovic was rarely worried in the home goal. One occasion is pictured above as **Ramon Diaz** bursts through only for the sharp-sighted linesman to give him offside.

RESULTS

Italy

Division One

Ascoli 0 Bapoli 0
Avellino 0 Lazio 0
Cagliari 0 Torino 0
Fiorentina 1 Udinese 1
Inter Milan 2 Pescara 0
Juventus 1 Bologna 1
Perugia 0 Catanzaro 0
Roma 0 Milan 0

Division Two

Bari 1 Atalanta 0
Como 2 Ternana 0
Venezia 3 Sampdoria 1
Parma 3 Lecce 0
Pisa 0 Spal 0
Cesena 0 Verona 1
Parma 2 Brescia 1
Genoa 1 Matera 1
Taranto 2 Pistoiese 1
Monza 2 Sambenedettese 0

Bulgaria

Division One

Lokomotiv 0 Sliven 0
Etar 0 Slavia 1
CSKA 3 Minyor 1
Botev 1 Mirek 2
Beroe 4 Lokomotiv Plovdiv 3
Pirin 2 Chernomorets 0
Cherno More 3 Spartak 0
Trakia 4 Levski Spartak 0

Portugal

Rio Ave 4 Maritimo 0
Porto 3 Setubal 1
Beira Mar 0 Benfica 3
Guimaraes 2 Portimonense 0
Leiria 2 Braga 4
Estoril 1 Espinho 1
Belenenses 1 Boavista 0
Sporting 3 Varzim 0

West Germany

Division One

Hamburg 1 Kaiserslautern 0
Leverkusen 1 Cologne 1
Brunswick 1 Bremen 2
Stuttgart 2 Uerdingen 0
Duesseldorf 4 Munich 1860 0
Dortmund 2 Bochum 2
Bayern Munich 1 Berlin 1
Moenchengladbach 6 Duisburg 0
Schalke 1 Frankfurt 0

Austria

Division One,
Linzer Ask 1 Grazer Ak 2
Sturm Graz 3 Admira 1
Salzburg 3 Vienna 2
Austria 2 Voest Linz 1
Sportclub 3 Rapid 0

Spain

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Halle 2 Karl Marx Stadt 0

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Chelsea's Gloom - don't blame the grandstand



Danny Blanchflower (below) - leaving club management must have been like leaving jail

WHOEVER is finally appointed manager of Chelsea Football Club just hope they don't hide behind that big expensive stand at Stamford Bridge

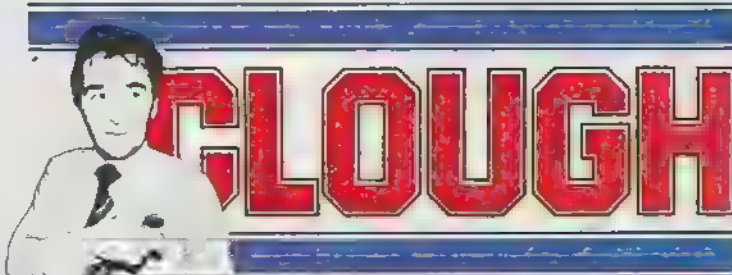
Whether it's to be Geoff Hurst or anyone else, I'd like them to explode the myth about it being one of the most difficult jobs in football

In the last few years I am sick to death of managers saying that they are taking over a club living under the financial shadows of their costly development

and reached the semi final of the European Cup but it did not prevent us building - and paying for - the Ley stand

And we are doing the same thing at Forest. Even before we started work on our new £2½m stand this summer we had spent a small fortune on ground improvements

We had to lay out something like £600,000 on ground safety for a start and then another £200,000 on extra seats in front of our main stand



But let's make something clear - no stand was ever responsible for a side being relegated. It's managers that have taken Chelsea into the Second Division - not bricks

The same applies to Sheffield Wednesday. I've heard it said on countless occasions that they are in the Third Division because of money being spent on ground improvements instead of players. What rubbish!

Building teams and new stands go hand in hand with each other . . . it's what Peter Taylor and I have been doing for years.

While we were at Derby we won the First Division Championship

But that did not stop us paying £1m for Trevor Francis or spending a similar amount during the last close-season on Asa Hartford and Frank Gray

So those people who blame ground improvements for failure on the pitch get no listening time from me.

It's no more than a whitewash but there are some of us who can see through it

That's particularly the case at Chelsea, where a succession of managers have said it's a job that people can't handle.

Those people should go and take charge at somewhere like Rochdale, Crewe or Hartlepool, where I once was, if they want to find out where it's really hard

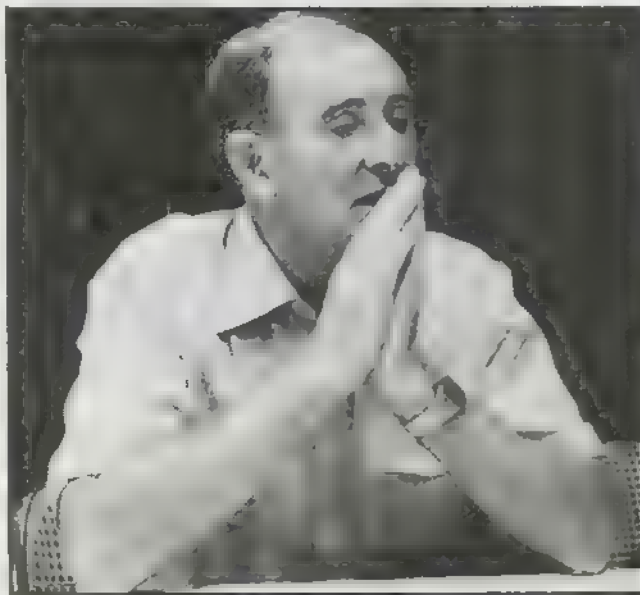
If you are looking at clubs outside of the First Division to join as manager, you would pick out Chelsea and Sunderland above anyone else.

They have got appeal and potential so I don't want to hear Danny Blanchflower's successor moaning.

As for Danny, I would imagine now that he will throw the shackles of management away and go back to enjoying his golf and his reporting

When he first went into club management I jokingly questioned his sanity. His answer was that it didn't surprise him because he had always questioned mine.

But I hope now he returns to the 'good life'. Leaving club management must be like leaving jail for him because he found pressures and demands that he never experienced on a golf course or in a press box



Frank Gray - paying to improve the ground did not prevent us splashing out a lot of money to sign him.

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English fans-worst in world

THE behaviour of the crowd at Wembley before the Denmark game proves yet again that these louts are a national disgrace.

TV has brought us important games from all over the world. In most countries the visitors' anthem is greeted with polite indifference, although an exception to this was the genuine enthusiasm shown by the wonderful Argentinian fans during the 1978 World Cup. Only in England is the away team humiliated, angered and probably inspired to violence by hearing their anthem jeered and booed.

A loudspeaker appeal for decent behaviour by our greatest star, Kevin Keegan, could be tried and if that did not work, then anthems should be dropped. Or perhaps England should play their fixtures behind closed doors

J. Stewart Brown, Bramhall, Cheshire.

Legs eleven!

AFTER reading the letter from the male chauvinist pig Mr Armes (Sept 6) we felt the need to reply. Being three ardent fans of Leicester City, Chelsea and Liverpool we travel great lengths and pay a great deal of money to see our favourite teams play and not to see their legs!

We think your misguided reader thinks that women in football are just for knitting scarves, hats and mitts for the MEN

Well, let us tell you he is WRONG, and we do not take kindly to being called SKIRT!! So you can tell your chauvinistic reader if he has any complaints **WE WILL SORT HIM OUT**

Vicki Maguire (L.C.F.C.)

Wasim Aslam (L.C.F.C.)

Edwina Maguire (C.F.C.O.)

P.S. We are not Women's libbers just enjoy GOOD FOOTBALL and good football magazines like yours.

Fighting mad

I RECENTLY went to watch the game between Liverpool and West Bromwich Albion at Anfield. I was appalled to see so much fighting and scuffling between the rival supporters.

I go every week to see football and not to see fighting on the terraces. I would like to see some steps taken towards the violence at football matches.

I would like to see more entertainment at English football matches like American football. I come to the conclusion on that this would put a stop to most of the violence around the country.

John Dickinson,
Ellesmere Port, Cheshire

Head scratcher

IS MALCOLM ALISON the Howard Hughes of British football or is he really a shrewd coach, manager and ace talent spotter — capable of giving Manchester City a wonder team?

The signings of Robertson, Shinton, McKenzie, Stepanovic and Daley have cost the club a fortune. Will Allison leave City in a season or two with a massive overdraft or will he produce one of the best teams in the country? It must be frustrating for the fans. What will Allison do next?

J. W. Diamond,
Hebburn, Tyne and Wear

Rap-on-the-knuckles

League football in Scotland is just as important to us as English League football is to you, so how about giving us all the Scottish Match Facts...

Gordon Watson, Edinburgh

● Gordon's was just one of several letters on a similar theme. We shall certainly not overlook events north of the border.

Pat-on-the-back

MATCH WEEKLY has everything any soccer fan wants. I doubt if any other publication can live with it...

Ron McBride, Carlisle, Cumbria

I'm asking myself how you can publish a magazine so full of features and excellent colour photos for only 25p...

Mark Ward, Coventry,
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Paul Misfield, Morpeth,
Northumberland

At long last, a magazine which gets right into the game of football. This is unbeatable...

Richard Clark, Bromley, Kent

Having been a football supporter for over 40 years, **MATCH** is a must for me every Thursday

Stan H. Middleton,
Buckhurst Hill, Essex

Let's help our own players

I DON'T think young footballers in the First Division reserve teams are given much encouragement, with the number of foreign players now coming into this country.

The Football League should fix a maximum quota of two foreign players per team, otherwise we are going to see teams playing with five or six stars from abroad. That will certainly not help England, if they have to start looking into the Second Division for new players.

I am pleased to say the team I follow, Nottingham Forest, can win the League and the European Cup without the help of foreign players.

Barry Lauder,
Newcastle upon Tyne

Clough to blame

WITH the number of letters reaching us about recent activity in the transfer market, we felt like re-naming this page 'Transfer Talk'. Here is a brief selection of extracts.

If only managers would follow the example of John Bond of Norwich. He has only spent £255,000 on three players, who have helped Norwich to a high position in the First Division. You don't have to spend millions to build a successful team.

Andrew Wilkins,
Upminster, Essex

Brian Clough wrote in **MATCH WEEKLY** (September 6) that the transfer market has gone crazy since he paid £1 million for Francis. Yet he also states "Don't blame me for the current situation." It was common sense that once he paid out for Francis, other clubs would assess the value of their players against that fee.

A. Duffy (Miss),
Denton Burn, Northumberland

If transfer fees continue to rocket, the four division system will not exist in the future. There will be a fifth, 'Super Division', in which clubs like Liverpool, Everton, Manchester City and United, Arsenal and Nottingham Forest will use their bank balances to win honours.

Garry McCaughey,
Whitcross, Hereford



EE-AYE-AVI-O!

NOT MANY players have the character and ability to by-pass the strict Liverpool system.

Even expensive signings have to learn their trade in the reserves before stepping-up to the big-time.

Proof of how highly the Liverpool management team rate the skills of Avi Cohen, £200,000 close-season signing from Israel, was shown by their willingness to give him his debut so quickly.

Their faith was repaid with a highly competent and confident display in Liverpool's recent away game at Leeds.

Cohen's coolness under pressure and a succession of sweet passes brought admiring noises around El and Road.

"I enjoyed it a lot," said Cohen after the game, "even though it was much faster and harder than I was used to. The other Liverpool players were marvellous. They made it much easier for me."

Ray Kennedy's return after injury pushed Cohen to the sidelines for the next game but there was no temperamental outburst from the player who at 21 became the youngest-ever skipper of Israel.

"I'm prepared to wait for a regular place. It was a dream come true when Liverpool came in for me and I'll always be grateful for that. My game must improve here."

Cohen's transfer to the League Champions from Maccabi Tel Aviv came after he had spent a week's trial at Anfield. The move finally went through in July.

The way in which he has slotted into the Liverpool set-up

makes it easy to forget the many problems he had to overcome in settling into a new country.

"Everybody at Anfield has been good to me and I like Liverpool as a place. I only wish it was a little warmer!"

Cohen (23 in November) has also had to adapt to a new position having played solely as a sweeper before. His early games in Liverpool Reserves were at right-back but it was in midfield where he made his League debut.

"In England you don't play a sweeper system so I have had to change my style a little. I prefer to play in midfield — you are involved all the time."

Avi says he gets on well with all the Liverpool fans. They in turn enjoy his sense of humour. When asked in the dressing room whether he was learning English he replied that he was. Then he turned to Kenny Dalglish and asked: "You too?"

Avi Cohen signs on for Liverpool manager Bob Paisley



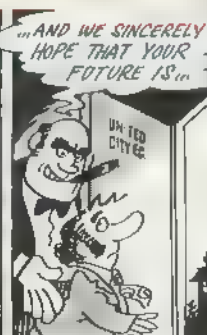
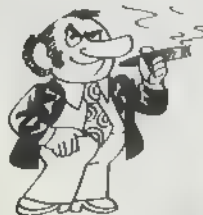
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TONY TOWERS (Birmingham City)

FULL NAME Mark Anthony Towers
BIRTHPLACE/DATE Manchester 13th April, 1952
HEIGHT/WEIGHT 5ft 9½ins 11st 8lb
MARRIED Yes to Carol
CHILDREN Nicola (5) and Mark (3)
CAR Using the wife's Austin 1300 at present
PREVIOUS CLUBS Manchester City and Sunderland
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO None
CLUB NICKNAME None
WORST EVER INJURY A fractured cheekbone. I had to have an operation, which put me out for a couple of weeks at Sunderland.
FAVOURITE BRITISH PLAYER AND WHY Kenny Dalglish, a great professional, a good all rounder and a good team man.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM None
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY Rossi, of Italy, because he was a young player who came in for his country and played well.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM England's 1966 World Cup winning side.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND Manchester United
FAVOURITE STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED Wembley
BEST GOAL SCORED During the semi final of the European Cup Winners Cup for Manchester City. It was a shot from the edge of the box that gave us a 1-0 victory to put us through to the final.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED Archie Gemmill's goal for Scotland against Holland in the last World Cup.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENTS Liverpool
Kenny Dalglish.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH There are two. When I played for England against Wales and the final of the European Cup Winners Cup with Manchester City in Vienna in 1970 when we won 2-1.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL Same as above.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT Being on the losing side when Manchester City played Wolves in the 1973-74 League Cup final.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS Golf and squash.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES Going home after a game when we have been beaten.
FAVOURITE TV The Two Ronnies.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF Crossroads.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER I like all kinds of music except Punk.
FAVOURITE FOOD Steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK Wine.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS Charles Bronson and Susan George.
BEST FILM In 79 Every Which Way But Loose.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER My father and Arthur Cox, who was assistant manager at Sunderland while I was there.
SUPERSTITIONS I like to go out on to the field last.
PRE MATCH MEAL A boiled egg or toast.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS England Boys, England Youth, Under 23 and three full England caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION To get back into Division One.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION Same as above.
A PLAYER FOR THE EIGHTIES Mark Dennis, a young full back with Birmingham.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET Charles Bronson.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS Get a trade behind you if you go into football. I think every club should send apprentices to day or night school to learn a trade.

A. Gemmill



Give us 'freedom' ...players unite

HIBS' forward Tony Higgins is the player at the centre of activity as the Scottish PFA enters the most crucial phase in its rather chequered history.

The affairs of players north of the border have never been quite as well organised as those of the stars down south.

All that is changing under the leadership of the experienced Hibs star, who has been at Easter Road since 1972.

The most vital issue is the question of freedom of contract. There is also a whole string of fringe benefits which, for the first time, have brought almost 100 per cent membership of the union.

Higgins said: "For the sum of 35p a week the players can call on a whole range of services including a lawyer to advise on contracts, a pension scheme related to earnings and a benevolent fund which has been agreed by both the S.F.A. and Scottish League.

"But while you could say players here have never had it so good there is no doubt that the burning issue is freedom of contract and we wholly expect to have this in operation for the start of next season."

Although both the S.F.A. and Scottish League are expected to give a guarantee of freedom of movement, it seems there will be no wholesale exodus of players to England.

Added Tony: "For a start all existing contracts will be

honoured and that seems likely to apply also to outstanding option clauses.

"And there will be an independent tribunal to fix a transfer fee if a player decides he wants to move but the clubs cannot agree on a price.

"As things stand at the moment there is a 'tapping' system where a player soon finds out if another club wants him.

"I know it's illegal but it does go on. Under the new deal this would be eradicated.

"In Scotland we have a majority of part-time players but right now we are not sure how the new deal will affect them.

"We hope shortly to meet with the S.F.A. and League to discuss the question and hopefully there will be no major snags.

"I am delighted to say that in my first year as chairman we have got almost 100 per cent membership. We are working hard at keeping in touch with all our members. We send out circulars and a representative of the PFA visits each club on a rota basis."

Helping Tony to formulate policy for the players are his Hibs' colleague Jackie McNamara, Celtic winger Johnny Doyle, Kenny Watson of Rangers, Dom Sullivan of Aberdeen, John McCormack of Clydebank and retired chairman Alex Rae.

Once they have the freedom of contract out of the way then the players will turn their attention to other touchy topics in an attempt to bring themselves into line with players in England.

They are in constant touch with PFA secretary Cliff Lloyd, whose advice has been invaluable.

A point that particularly interests them is the English PFA's effort to allow players to comment on issues and



Tony Higgins: pointing the Scottish P.F.A. in the right direction.

arguments arising from matches.

In Scotland the S.F.A. have taken further steps to tighten the gag on players, including financial penalties against clubs whose players step out of line in Scottish Cup matches. It's a situation Higgins and his committee are watching very closely indeed.

Airdrie shock

AIRDRIE — average home gate 1,500 — recently shocked Scottish football by turning down a £150,000 bid from Hibs for high scoring striker Sandy Clarke.

The little First Division club claim the offer is far short of what they expect and Clarke, who has a top job with a finance company, has indicated that if he moves within Scotland he's only interested in Rangers.

Trouble is Rangers so far have not returned the interest which keeps Airdrie boss Bobby Watson happy, even if the bank manager has stopped smiling!

Hibs, full-time and with a big staff, admit they could have been in financial trouble but for last season's three-match marathon in the Scottish Cup Final which netted them over £100,000

Food for thought

CELTIC's recent trip to Albania meant some unusual additions to the luggage of international defender Danny McGrain. With previous experience of food problems in outlandish spots Danny included a loaf, a packet of gammon, beans and tea bags in his suitcase. And, thorough as ever, he also included a can opener!

Tricky for Thomson

MORTON midfield player Bobby Thomson, recently the target of a £150,000 bid by Oldham, found himself in a rather tricky situation following a recent match against Dundee.

Thomson was summoned by referee David Murdoch after the match for allegedly making rude remarks on his way to the dressing room. The linesman who went to deliver the message apparently had the dressing room door slammed in his face and a further report is now being considered by the S.F.A.

In February Murdoch was in the centre of another row. After the Dumbarton v Alloa game a pie was thrown into the referee's room and

splattered off the wall. He reported it to the S.F.A. who noted it but decided to take no action

Subs change

THE Anglo-Scottish Cup has thrown up some interesting differences in procedure between Scotland and England.

For example in Scottish League matches two subs are allowed. In England only one. A compromise has been reached in the Anglo-Scottish ties by allowing one outfield sub and one goalkeeper — but the 'keeper is not allowed to come on in an outfield position.

Desperate for Des

ASTON Villa snapped up Hibs' midfield star Des Bremner for £250,000 despite desperate attempts by the Edinburgh club to hold on to him.

Not even the offer of a long-term contract and a testimonial could persuade Bremner to remain in Scotland.

The pain of parting was eased by the signing of Villa striker Joe Ward for £80,000. Ward had failed to settle in Birmingham.

Miller's revenge

RANGERS have introduced a novel 'worst trainer of the week' award judged on bad back-passes, slip-ups on exercises and various misdemeanours in training.

The 'culprit' is judged by a jury of five and has to don a yellow jersey for a week.

The first week's 'honour' went to Alex Miller on Tommy McLean's casting vote. The second week it went to McLean — on Miller's casting vote!



Alex Miller: sweet revenge on Rangers' team-mate Tommy McLean.

Glamour trip

SCOTLAND's professional youth squad have a glamour six day trip to Las Palmas from October 7 to 13. The tournament is to be used as a build-up for the November 27 tie with Holland. The 16-strong squad includes only one Anglo — midfielder Colin Walsh of Nottingham Forest.

Although still a reserve player Walsh was the target of a £140,000 offer by Leeds United. Celtic have four players in the party.

HALF TIME

How's your soccer knowledge? Here's your chance to see how you square up to the man who this year won the title of BBC Brain of Sport, Julian Pincher, who compiled this week's brain teasing quiz. Turn to page 33 for the answers

1. Which team won the 1978/79 European Cup Winners' Cup?
2. Who was voted P.F.A Footballer of the Year for season 1978/79?
3. Who is currently the oldest manager in the Football League?
4. From which club did Tottenham Hotspur sign Osvaldo Ardiles?
5. Which non-League club knocked Plymouth Argyle out of the 1978/79 F.A. Cup?
6. Which player scored a goal and an own-goal in the same match during the 1978 World Cup Finals?
7. On which ground was Manchester United's home tie with St. Etienne in the 1977/78 European Cup Winners' Cup played?
8. Which Hibs player scored an own-goal in extra-time to give Rangers a 3-2 win in the 1979 Scottish F.A. Cup Final?
9. Name the two players who made their full England debut versus Wales in 1979?
10. Who was England's third goalkeeper in the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico?
11. To which team did Everton lose in the 1971 European Cup, the winners going on to lose the final?
12. Why did the colours of Kimberley F.C. make an unscheduled appearance in the 1978 World Cup Finals?
13. Name the two Italian clubs John Charles played for.
14. Who is the youngest goalkeeper to appear in a Cup Final at Wembley?
15. Who is the only Bristol Rovers player to play for England?
16. Name the leading goalscorer in Division One in season 1973/74 who played for a team who were relegated that season?
17. Which club did Leeds United defeat on the 'away goals' rule in the Final of the 1971 UEFA Cup?
18. Which team appeared in only two F.A. Cup Finals, winning both, scoring ten goals and conceding none?
19. Name Gordon Lee's first managerial post in the Football League?
20. Which footballer played in all four home countries in the space of eight days in 1977?

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As you find the solutions, put a line through them. Check the result against the grid on page 33.

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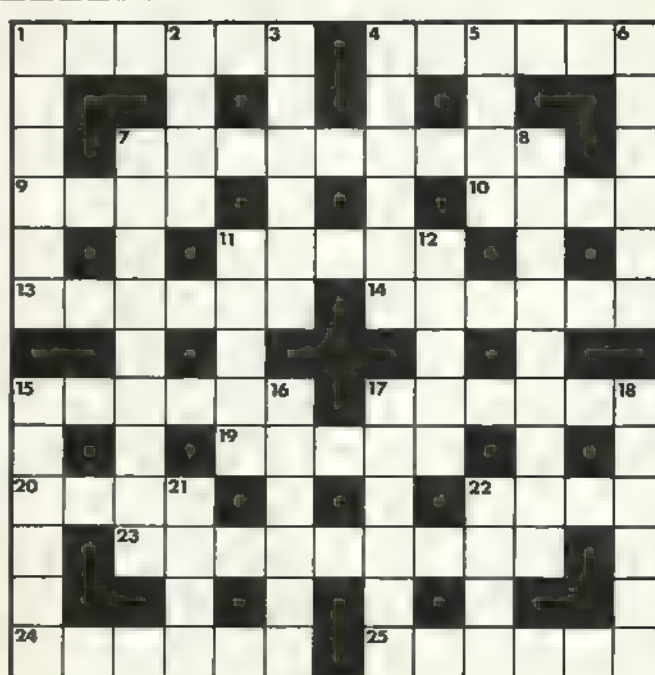
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ACROSS

1. The class striker will do this to half-chances. (4,2)
4. £400,000 Leeds United forward. (6)
7. They started the season without a manager. (9)
9. If a player is not fully fit he will do so. (4)
10. Such a defence does not concede many goals. (4)
11. Christian name of Brian Clough's deputy. (5)
13. He chases Ipswich Town defender. (6)
14. Clubs hold them to raise money. (6)
15. United Third Division team. (6)
17. Mr. Greenwood's appearing with Cardiff City star. (6)
19. League some people would like to see created. (5)
20. Belted ex Fulham and Leicester City star, we hear. (4)
22. Ham direction. (4)
23. Where Billy Bremner is found as manager. (9)
24. Fire full-back. (6)
25. Headed the ball. (6)

DOWN

1. Change-over. (6)
2. Deyna's one. (4)
3. Colchester defender is a famous name in the cricket world. (6)
4. The International is such a player. (6)
5. Skilful players will try and create it for themselves. (4)
6. Former Liverpool manager's nickname for Q.P.R. player. (6)
7. The Bees. (9)
8. Secret lie about Midlands side (9)
11. Newcastle United and Sheffield Wednesday have them as chairmen. (5)
12. How sharp an attack can be? (5)
15. Irish-born Forest star. (6)
16. He's scored over fifty goals for both Dundee and Tottenham. (6)
17. A referee should use it. (6)
18. Scored a goal. (6)
21. Describes the football season. (4)
22. Dig Fulham's keeper? (4)



Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Players Ratings

- 10 — Out of this world
- 9 — Outstanding
- 8 — Excellent
- 7 — Good
- 6 — Adequate
- 5 — Off form
- 4 — Poor

Match ratings

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★ Good value
- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ Waste of money

Tuesday, Sept. 25

League Cup Third Round

ARSENAL (1) 2 (Stapleton 41, Brady 83)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Williams 47)
 Att 34,145
 Arsenal: Jennings 6, Rice 6, Nelson 6, Talbot 5, Walford 7, Young 6,
 ★BRADY 8, Sunderland 6, Stapleton 6, Hollins 7, Rix 6
 Southampton: Gennoe 6, Golac 6, Peach 6, ★WILLIAMS 9, Nicholl 6, Waldron 6, Ball 5, Boyer 6, Hebbard 6, Baker 6, Holmes 8
 Referee: C. Maskell (Cambridge)
 Match Rating: ★★

ASTON VILLA (0) 0
EVERTON (0) 0
 Att 22,635
 Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, ★GIDMAN 8, Pejic 6, Evans 6, McNaught 6, Mortimer 7, Brammer 6, Little 7, Geddis 6, Cowans 5, Swain 5
 Everton: Wood 7, Barton 7, Bailey 6, ★LYONS 8, Higgins 7, Ross 6, Nulty 6, Hartford 6, King 6, Kidd 6, Eastoe 7
 Referee: A. R. Glasson (Salisbury)
 Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Flanagan 2)
WOLVES (0) 2 (Hibbitt 76, Eves 87)
 Att 30,727
 Palace: Burrridge 6, Hinshelwood 5, Sansom 8, Nicholas 6, Cannon 7, Gilbert 8, Murphy 5, ★FRANCIS 8, Swindlehurst 6, Flanagan 6, Hilaire 6
 Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Palmer 6, Parkin 6, Daniel 7, Hughes 7, Barry 6, Hibbitt 7, Carr 8, Gray 8, ★RICHARDS 9, Eves 7
 Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

GRIMSBY (2) 3 (Liddell 23, Ford 35, Cumming 72)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (O'Brien, pen 50)
 Att 11,881
 Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 7, Moore, K 7, Waters 5, Wiggington 7, Crombie 7, Broolly 7, Ford 7, Liddell 7, ★MITCHELL 8, Cumming 7
 Notts County: King 4, Richards 6, O'Brien 7, Hunt 6, Stubbs 5, Blockley 5, McCulloch 5, Masson 5, Christie 5, ★HOOKS 8, Mair 7
 Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle e)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

LIVERPOOL (2) 3 (Dalglish 3, Fairclough 8, McDermott 80)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Birch 85)
 Att 20,960
 Liverpool: Clemence 8, Neal 7, Kennedy, A 7, Thompson 6, Fairclough 8, Irwin 6, ★DALGLISH 9, Case 7, Heighway 6, McDermott 7, Souness 6
 Chesterfield: Tingay 7, Tarr 6 (sub Burton 6), O'Neill 7, Ridley 7, Green 7, Hunter 7, ★BIRCH 9, Moss 8, Walker 8, Salmons 8, Kowalski 7
 Referee: T. Morris (Leeds)
 Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD (0) 0
QPR (0) 3 (Bowles 58, Allen 59, Currie 76)
 Att 9,485
 Mansfield: Arnold 5, Dawkins 6, Wood 6, Curtis 5, Bird 6, McClelland 5, Latham 6, Taylor 5, Austin 6, ★HAMILTON 8, Allen, R 6

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Wednesday, Sept. 26

League Cup, Third Round

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Ainscow 65)
EXETER CITY (0) 2 (Neville 48, 59)
 Att 13,669
 Birmingham: Wealands 7, Todd 7, Dennis 6, Curbishley 6 (sub Bertschin 6), Gallagher 7, Towers 6, Ainscow 7, ★LYNEX 8, Givens 6, Gemmill 6, Dillon 6
 Exeter: O'Keefe 7, Mitchell 7, Hatch 7, Hore 7, Giles 7, Forbes 7, ★NEVILLE 8, Bowker 7, Sims 7, Delve 7, Pullar 7
 Referee: G. Flint (Kirkby, Ashfield)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Robinson 52)
SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Chisholm 50)
 Att 26,181
 Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 6, Oonachie 7, Stepanovic 7, Caton 6, Fletcher 8, Mackenzie 6, Daley 7, ★ROBINSON 9, Power 8, Bennett 6
 Sunderland: Siddall 7, Whitworth 8, Gilbert 6, Clarke 8, Elliott 6, Chisholm 7, Buckley 8, Rostron 6, Brown 6, ★LEE 9, Rowell 8
 Referee: B. Newsome (Shropshire)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

NORWICH (2) 4 (Nicholl, og 23, Hoadley 26, Buchan, og 56, Fashanu 75)
MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 1 (McIlroy 22)
 Att 18,321
 Norwich: Keelan 7, Bond 7, McDowell 8, Bennett 7, Hoadley 7, Powell 7, Robson 8, Reeves 9, Fashanu 8, Paddon 9, ★PETERS 10
 Man Utd: Bailey 6, Nicholl 6, Albiston 7, McIlroy 7, McQueen 6, Buchan 6, Grimes 7, Wilkins 6, Coppell 7, ★MACARI 8, Thomas 6
 Referee: R. Toseland (Market Harborough)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Parkinson 44)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Gow 75)
 Att 7,067
 Peterborough: Waugh 7, Carmichael 7, Phillips 6, Chard 6, ★SMITH 9, Foster 8, Gynn 7, Kellock 7, Quow 6, Robson 7, Parkinson 8
 Bristol City: Shaw 7, Tainton 6, Whitehead 6, ★GOW 8, Sweeney 5, Merrick 6, Fitzpatrick 6, Ritchie 5, Mabbutt 7, Mann 6, Cormack 5 (sub Royle 6)
 Referee: M. Peck (Doncaster)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

STOKE CITY (2) 2 (Crooks 6, O'Callaghan 40)
SWINDON TOWN (1) 2 (Mayes 42, Rowland 88)
 Att 15,255
 Stoke: Fox 7, Evans 6, Dodd 7, Irvine 5, Smith 6, Doyle 6, Busby 6, Heath 7, O'Callaghan 7, ★CROOKS 8, Richardson 6
 Swindon: Allan 7, Lewis 6, Templeman 6, McHale 8, Tucker 6, Stroud 6, Miller 7, Carter 7, Rowland 7, ★MAYES 9, Williams 8
 Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

WBA (2) 2 (Wile 14, Brown, T, pen 21)
COVENTRY (1) 1 (English 9)
 Att 18,069
 WBA: Godden 7, Batson 6
 ★STATHAM 8, Trewick 6, Wile 7, Robertson 6, Robson 5, Brown, T 6, Mills 5, Owen 6, Barnes 6
 Coventry: Sealey 6, Coop 6, McDonald 7, Thomas 6 (sub Roberts 6), Holton 6, Gillespie 6, ★HUTCHISON 9, Wallace 7, English 8, Powell 7, Hunt 7
 Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★

Scottish League Cup, Third Round, First Leg

ABERDEEN (2) 3 (Garner 29, Harper 38, McLeish 66)
RANGERS (0) 1 (Johnstone 73)
 Att 19,500
 Aberdeen: Clark 7, Kennedy 7, Considine 7, McLeish 7, Garner 7, Miller 6, ★STRACHAN 8, Archibald 6, Harper 7, McMaster 6, Scanlon 6
 Rangers: McCloy 6, Jardine 6, Dawson 6, Stevens 5, Jackson 6, Watson 6, Cooper 8, Miller 8, Johnstone 6, MacDonald 5, ★SMITH 7
 Referee: R. B. Valentins (Dundee)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

DUNDEE (0) 2 (Sinclair 69, Murphy 78)
AYR UNITED (0) 1 (Frye 79)
 Att 6,133
 Dundee: Donaldson 6, Barr 7, Turnbull 5, Millar 5, Glennie 6, McGeachie 5, Fletcher 6, MacLaren 7, ★SINCLAIR 8, Redford 5 (sub Shirra 7), Murphy 7
 Ayr: ★RENNIE 9, McCall 6, Kelly 6, McSherry 6 (sub Christie 7), Hyslop 7, Fleeting 8, Frye 7, Armour 5, Morris 6, Cramond 6, Connor 5
 Referee: D. Murdoch (Bothwell)
 Match Rating: ★★

HIBS (0) 1 (Higgins 66)
KILMARNOCK (1) 2 (Cairney 24, Bourke 60)
 Att 4,231
 Hibs: McArthur 6, Brazil 5, Duncan 7, Campbell 5, Stewart 6, McNamara 5, Callaghan 6, Hutchinson 6, Ward 6, Lambie 7, ★HIGGINS 8
 Kilmarnock: McCulloch 6, McLean 6, Robertson 6, Clark 6, ★CLARKE 8, McDicken 6, Gibson 6 (sub Street 5), Maxwell 6, Bourke 6, Mauchlen 6, Cairney 6
 Referee: W. Anderson (East Kilbride)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

PARTICK THISTLE (0) 0
MORTON (0) 1 (Rooney 79)
 Att 4,000
 Partick: Rough 6, Mackinnon 7, Whittaker 7, Campbell 6, ★McADAM 8, Marr 6, Houston 6, Gibson 7, O'Hara 6, Meirose 6, Doyle 6
 Morton: Barnes 7, Hayes 7, Holmes 7, Miller 7, McLaughlin 7, ★ORR 8, McNeil 6, Rooney 7, Thomson 6, Russell 7 (sub Scott), Ritchie 6
 Referee: A. Ferguson (Giffnock)
 Match Rating: ★★

Friday, Sept. 28

Division Four

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
DONCASTER (0) 0
 Att 4,465
 Scunthorpe: Crawford 7, Davy 6,

Peacock 7, Gibson 5, Deer 6,
★OATES 8, Earl 5 (sub. Cowling),
Couch 5, Green 6, Partridge 7, Keeley 6
Doncaster: Sh. play 7, Russell 6,
Snodin 6, Lister 6, ★WARBOYS 8,
Bradley 7, Lally 5, Flanagan 7 (sub
Pugh 5), Nimmo 5, Lewis 6, Bentley 7
Referee: T. Farley (Newton Aycliffe,
Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Czuczman 55)
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Laverick 37,
Hart 82)
Att 5,369
Stockport: Lawson 6, Thorpe 6,
Rutter 7, Edwards 7, Czuczman 7,
Chapman 6, Summerbee 7,
★FOGARTY 8, Henson 7, Galvin 6
(sub. Sherlock), Park 7
Huddersfield: Starling 7, Brown 7,
Robinson 7, Stanton 8, Sutton 7,
Robinson 7, Laverick 8, ★HART 9,
Fletcher 7, Robins 8, Cowling 7
Referee: F. Phipps (Wrexham)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (0) 0
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 5 (Borwick 27,
89, Bryant 50, Butler 53, 85)
Att 2,803
Tranmere: Johnson 6, Mathias 6,
Food 6, Bramhall 6, Edwards 6,
Evans 6, O'Neil 6, Craven 5, Kerr 5,
Barney 5 (sub. Williams 5), ★KELLY 7
Bournemouth: Allen 7, Cunningham 7,
Ferns 7, Impey 7, Bryant 7,
Chambers 7, Holder 7, Massey 7,
Butler 7, ★BORTHWICK 8, Evanson 7
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, Sept. 29

Division One

ARSENAL (0) 2 (Stapleton 49,
Holins 78)
WOLVES (2) 3 (Hibbitt 19, Gray 27,
71)
Att 41,844
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Rice 6, Nelson 7,
Talbot 6 (sub. Price 6), Walford 6,
Young 6, Brady 7, Sunderland 6,
Stapleton 8, ★HOLLINS 9, Rix 7
Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Palmer 7,
Parkin 8, Daniel 8, Hughes 6, Berry 8,
Hibbitt 8, Carr 7, ★GRAY 9, Richards 7,
Eves 7
Referee: R. C. Challis (Tonbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Wallace 37)
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Jones 61)
Att 20,125
Coventry: Sealey 6, Roberts 5,
McDonald 6, Whiston 5 (sub. Jones)
Holton 6, ★GILLESPIE 7, Hutchison 6,
Wallace 6, English 6, Powell 6,
Hunt 6
Spurs: Daines 7, Hughton 7,
McAllister 7, ★YORATH 8, Miller 7,
Perryman 7, Ardiles 7, Jones 7,
Armstrong 7, Hoddle 7, Villa 6
Referee: B. Newsome (Broseley,
Salop)
Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (3) 4
(Swindlehurst 17, Hinshelwood 29,
Francis, pen 34, Cannon 60)
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Gates 45)
Att 29,885
Palace: Burridge 7, Hinshelwood 7,
Sansom 7, Nicholas 6, Cannon 7,
Gilbert 8, Murphy 7, Francis 7,
Swindlehurst 8, Flanagan 9,
★HILAIRE 10
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 5, Mills 5
(sub. Osborne), Thirssen 6, Osman 7,
Butcher 6, Wark 5, Muhren 6,
Marner 6, ★GATES 8, McCall 6
Referee: T. Glasson (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (0) 0
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
Att 24,733
Everton: Wood 6, Barton 8 (sub
Wright 6), Bailey 6, Lyons 6, Higgins 6,
Ross 7, ★HARTFORD 9, Stanley 7,
King 6, Kidd 5, Eastoe 5
Bristol City: Shaw 6, ★TAINTON 9,
Whitehead 6, Gow 6, Sweeney 7,
Merrick 8, Fitzpatrick 6, Ritchie 6
(sub. Hay 6), Wile 6, Mann 6, Mabbutt 6
Referee: J. Napth ng (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS UNITED (0) 1 (Hankin 49)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 2 (Power 51,
Deyna 60)
Att 29,592
Leeds: Harvey 7, Hird 6, Hampton 6,
Greenhoff 6, Hart 5, Madeley 7 (sub
Chandler 5), Harris 5, ★CHERRY 8,
Hankin 7, Curtis 6, Graham 6
Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 7,
Donachie 7, Stepanovic 7, Caton 7,
Fletcher 6, Mackenzie 6, ★DALEY 8,
Robinson 7, Power 7, Deyna 7
Referee: G. Courtney (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Hart (Leeds)

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 4
(Wilkins 35, McQueen 56, 84, McLroy 80)
STOKE (0) 0
Att 52,327
Man Utd: Bailey 7, Nicholl 6, Albiston 7,
McLroy 7, McQueen 7, Buchan 6,
Grimes 6, ★WILKINS 8, Coppell 6,
Macari 6 (sub. Sloan 6), Thomas 5
Stoke: Jones 8, Evans 7, Scott 7,
Irvine 6, Smith 6, ★DOYLE 9, Dodd 5,
Heath 6 (sub. Randall), O'Callaghan 6,
Crooks 7, Richardson 5
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
Att 16,017
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Craggs 7,
Bailey 6, Johnson 6, Ramage 6,
McAndrew 6, Hodgson 6, Proctor 6,
Shearer 6 (sub. Cochrane 7),
Cummins 6, ★ARMSTRONG 8
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Gidman 6 (sub
Williams 6), Pejc 7, Evans 6,
McNaught 7, ★MORTIMER 8,
Bremner 6, Geddis 7, Cowans 7,
Swain 7, Little 7
Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: McNaught (Aston Villa)

NORWICH (0) 2 (Fashanu 47, Peters 59)
BOLTON (0) 1 (Whatmore 60)
Att 16,500
Norwich: Keehan 7, Bond 6, Ryan 6,
Bennett 7, Hoadley 7, Powell 7,
Robson 7, Reeves 7, ★FASHANU 8,
Paddon 7, Peters 7
Bolton: McDonagh 7, Clement 7,
★BURKE 8, Greaves 6, Allardycy 6,
Walsh 7, Morgan 6, Cantello 6,
Gowling 6, Worthington 7, Whatmore 7
Referee: R. Lewis (Gt. Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTM FOREST (1) 1 (Birtles 36)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0
Att 28,262
Nottm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 6,
Lloyd 7, Burns 6, Gray 7, O'Neill 7,
McGovern 7, O'Hare 7,
★WOODCOCK 8, Birtles 7,
Robertson 6
Liverpool: Ognizovic 5, Neal 6,
Thompson 6, ★HANSEN 8, Kennedy 7,
A 7 (sub. Irwin), McDermott 7,
Souness 7, Kennedy 6, R. Case 6,
Daighish 6, Fairclough 6
Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 4 (Boyer 31,
57, pen 84, Channon 53)
DERBY (0) 0
Att 22,538
Southampton: Genroe 6, Hebbard 7,
Peach 7, ★WILLIAMS 9, Nicholl 7,
Waldron 7, Ball 8, Boyer 8,
Channon 6, George 7, Holmes 7
Derby: Middleton 6, ★LANGAN 7,
Buckley 5, Emery 5, McFarland 6
(sub. Greenwood 6), McCaffery 5,
Carter 5, Powell 6, Duncan 5, Davies 5,
Moreland 6
Referee: T. Cox (Croydon)
Match Rating: ★★

WBA (2) 2 (Robson 15, Brown, A 22)
BRIGHTON (0) 2 (Poskett 84,
O'Sullivan 87)
Att 20,024
WBA: Godden 7, Batson 5, Statham 8,
Trewick 6, Wile 7, Robertson 7,
Robson 6 ★BROWN, A 9, Deehan 7,
Owen 7
Brighton: Steele 7, Gregory 6,
Williams 7, Horton 7, Foster 6,
Stevens 6, Clark 6 (sub. Ryan 6),
Ward 7, Poskett 7, Sayer 7,
★O'SULLIVAN 8
Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth, Notts)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

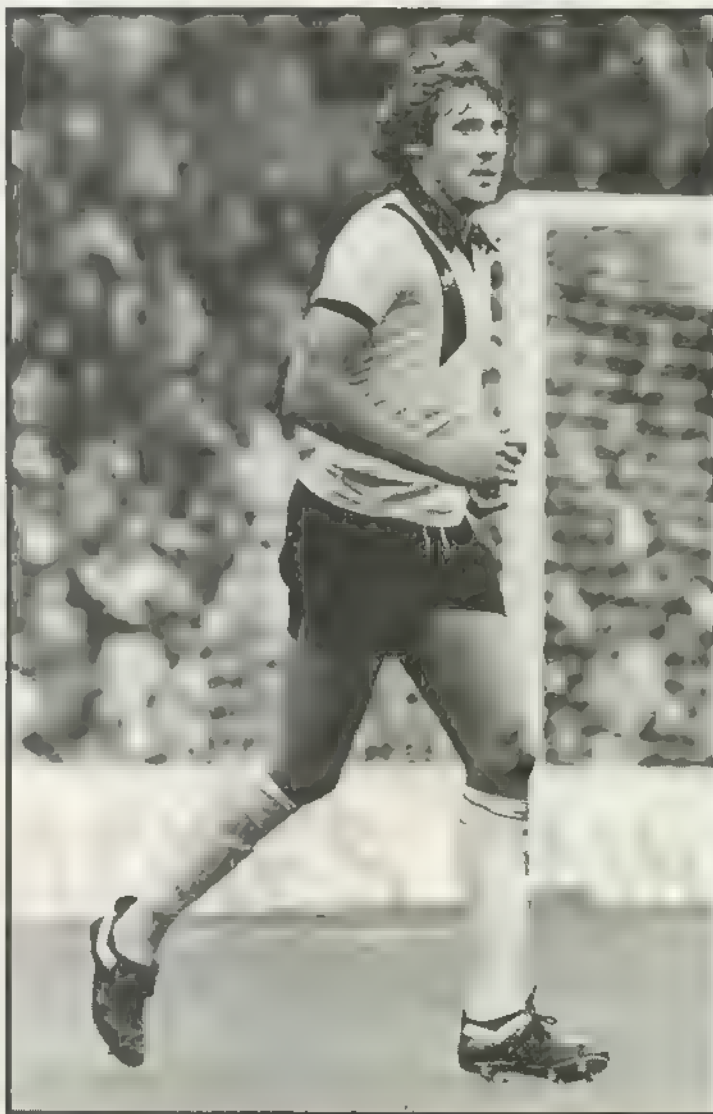
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
NEWCASTLE (0) 0
Att 19,967
Birmingham: Wealdens 7, ★TODD 8,
Dennis 7, Curbishley 7, Gallagher 7,
Towers 7, Ainscow 7, Lynex 7,
Givens 7, Gemmill 7, Dillon 7
Newcastle: ★HARDWICK 8,
Brownlie 7, Davies 6, Martin 7,
Barton 7, Boam 7, Shoulder 6,
Cassidy 7, Withe 7, Hibbitt 7,
Cartwright 6
Referee: A. Porter (Bolton)
Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Penny 23)
CARDIFF CITY (1) 1 (Pontin 29)
Att 8,949
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 7, Williams 6,
Bater 6, Atkins 5, Taylor 6,
Emmanuel 7, Mabbutt 6, Prince 6,
Dennehy 6, Penny 7, ★COOPER 8
Cardiff: Healey 7, Jones 6, Sullivan 7,
★CAMPBELL 8, Pontin 7, Dwyer 7,
Elliot 6, Stevens 7, Moore 6,
Ronson 7, Buchanan 6
Referee: A. Hamill (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
CHELSEA (0) 1 (Johnson 83)
Att 8,792
Cambridge: Webster 6, Stringer 7,
Turner 7, Smith 7, Fallon 6, Cozens 6,
Christie 6 (sub. Gibbins 6), Spriggs 7,
Streets 6, Biley 6, ★MURRAY 8,
Chelsea: ★BOROTA 8, Locke 7,
Wilkins 7, Bumstead 7, Droy 7,
Nutton 6 (sub. Walker 7), Britton 6,
Fillery 6, Langley 6, Johnson 7, Harris 6
Referee: J. Sewell (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM (0) 1 (Lock pen 62)
LUTON (1) 3 (Moss, pen 5, Hill 55,
Hatton 81)
Att 8,680
Fulham: Payton 6, Peters 6, Strong 5
(sub. Kitchen), Bullivant 6, Money 6,
Gale 6, Marinello 7, ★BECK 8,
Mahoney 5, Lock 6, Davies 6
Luton: Findlay 6, Stephens 6,
Donaghy 7, Grealish 7, Saxby 6, Price 6,
★HILL 8, West 6, Stein 6, Hatton 7,
Moss 6
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★

OLDHAM (0) 0
QPR (0) 0
Att 8,974
Oldham: McDonnell 6, Wood 7,
Edwards 6, Hinton 6, Clements 6,
Hurst 7, Keegan 6, ★HALOM 8,
Steel 6 (sub. Valentine 6), Stainrod 7,
Heaton 5
QPR: Woods 6, Shanks 6, Gillard 7,
McCreery 6, ★HAZELL 8, Roeder 5,
Bowies 5, Currie 6 (sub. Harkouk 5),
Allen 6, Goddard 7, Wicks 5
Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)
Match Rating: ★★



Dave Swindlehurst: one of four Palace scorers.

EVER since football became an organised structure, with clubs going professional and becoming money-making concerns, all the blame for the financial well-being of the clubs has been laid at the feet of the directors.

In more modern times it seems the sphere of a directors' power has not been confined to the boardroom. All too often one hears of boardroom strife, which inevitably spills out on to the pitch itself.

This has apparently been the situation at Derby County where rival factions, although having the best interests of the club at heart, are undoubtedly having harmful effects on the atmosphere at the Baseball Ground.

Ever since Len Shackleton

Directors...and why I envy Johnny Giles

devoted a blank page to illustrate the football knowledge of the average director in his book, their image has taken a real bashing.

People have accepted this view based on the fact that the great percentage of directors, especially in the smaller towns, have always been businessmen who try to bask in the reflected glory of a



● Johnny Giles... manager of Eire and team boss and director of Shamrock Rovers.

successful football club.

Although directors are not allowed to draw a salary or receive income from a club of any kind, there never seems to be any shortage of people wanting to put their money into football.

Only this week there have been two cases. Freddie Pye, already chairman of Stockport County, spent a lot of money to gain a controlling interest in neighbours Wigan Athletic, while Essex businessman Anton Johnson achieved a lifelong ambition by paying £70,000 out of his own pocket to take over control at Rotherham.

Condemned

At first, I assumed Rotherham were perhaps in financial trouble and needed bailing out by an eccentric millionaire. But, in fact, Rotherham are a very stable financially-sound club run with a typically thrifty Yorkshire tight belt attitude.

These moves by Messrs. Pye and Johnson are obviously doing a lot to dispel the old 'fuddy-duddy' image of directors.

Although directors are almost all condemned by the average man on the terraces, I feel sure that, given half the chance, any football fan would jump at the opportunity of helping to run their own club.

I know I would. I have often dreamed of being chairman of my own 'Shamrock Villa', being the best team in the Utopian First Division.

The club would be run from top to bottom along the lines I felt good for the game.

But there is one man who has come close to achieving this imaginary position and he is Johnny Giles of Shamrock Rovers in the Irish League.

A few years ago, as player-manager of West Brom, he was in control of a team tipped to win major honours and as such he was idolised by the fans at the Hawthorns. Even so he always felt as if his head was on the chopping block and chose to leave and return home.

Giles, I understand, owns a substantial share in the Rovers and, as player-manager, makes sure the club is run along his guidelines.

As he also manages Eire, the national side, he is in a position to foster the best of Irish talent right through from the school field to the international stage, plugging the drain of talent to English clubs which has always restricted the development of Irish League football.

Although I cannot visualise this situation occurring in England, if Giles finds success at club and country level, I'm sure he will open a few eyes on this side of the water.



Quiz answers

1. Barcelona.
2. Liam Brady.
3. Alec Stock.
4. Huracan.
5. Worcester City.
6. Ernie Brandts.
7. Home Park, Plymouth.
8. Duncan.
9. Kenny Sansom and Laurie Cunningham.
10. Alex Stepney.
11. Panathinaikos.
12. They were worn by France after a colour clash with Hungary.
13. Juventus and Roma.
14. Chris Woods (Nottingham Forest v Liverpool).
15. Geoff Bradford.
16. Mick Channon.
17. Juventus.
18. Bury.
19. Port Vale.
20. George Best.



BALL WINNERS

THE five lucky winners of super Candus leather footballs in our Crossword No. 1 (September 13 issue) are:

Mark Lamb, 15 Pearson Road, Arundel, Sussex (age 10); Gordon Potts, 25 Luke Place, Broughty Ferry, Dundee (11); A. Wickham, 18 Wilton Avenue, Bletchley, Milton Keynes (13); Susan Morrison, 91 Allanville, Camperdown, Newcastle upon Tyne (13); Roy

Bennett, 2 The Avenue, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, N.I. (13).

The correct answers were: ACROSS: 1. Forest; 4. Barnes; 6. Sunderland; 8. Young; 9. Needham; 12. Ipswich; 15. United; 17. Oldham; 19. Woods; 22. Ardies; 23. Derby.

DOWN: 1. Fashanu; 2. Ron Greenwood; 3. Shed; 4. Brady; 5. Red; 7. Magic; 10. Hat; 11. Mid; 13. Solid; 14. Homes; 16. Owen; 18. Hill; 20. Sir; 21. Ray.

Water under the Br

● **NINE YEARS** ago Chelsea Football Club was poised on the threshold of an exciting revolution.

The F.A. Cup — the glittering prize that had eluded the club and its fans for so long — stood proudly in the boardroom.

It had been won — the hard way — on an emotional night in Manchester that was probably the greatest in Chelsea's chequered history.

The club went on to win the European Cup Winners' Cup and there seemed no end to what could be achieved.

It was a great team, winning honours at last, and there were exciting plans to rebuild the Stamford Bridge stadium into one of the best in the country.

But sadly, for the club, which will always seem out of place outside Division One, the bubble burst.

Dave Sexton — the quietly spoken manager who had led the team to glory, was on his way.

Sexton was Chelsea's seventh manager in 70 years. Since 1974 there have been six more — in one form or another — and now there may be a seventh!

There was ex-Chelsea player Eddie McCreadie, Ken Shellito, caretaker-managers Ron Stuart and Frank Upton, month-to-

month manager Danny Blanchflower and then another caretaker in Geoff Hurst.

That's too many changes and everyone at the friendly London club realises it.

Chelsea chairman Brian Mears has said that he wants to make the night appointment this time.

As far as finances go the situation is improving. Three years ago Chelsea owed £3.5

million . . . now it is down to below £2 million.

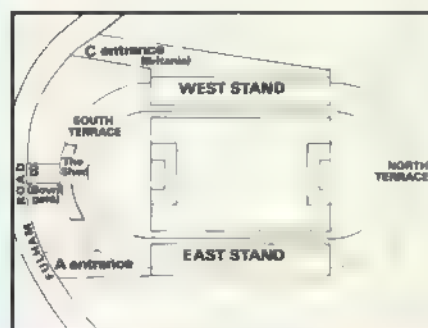
The transfer of Ray Wilkins to Manchester United helped by bringing the club £750,000 clear, but Martin Spencer, Chelsea's chief executive had this message for the fans in a recent programme: "While I have been with the club it has never been my intention to reduce staff by selling players.

"The Ray Wilkins deal was not dictated by financial pressures as the media sometimes suggested.

"I am sure supporters will realise that with the club now paying its way the selling of class players is not directed by economics, but by other factors.

"I do believe that Chelsea's playing fortunes will improve because there is a wealth of talent coming through.

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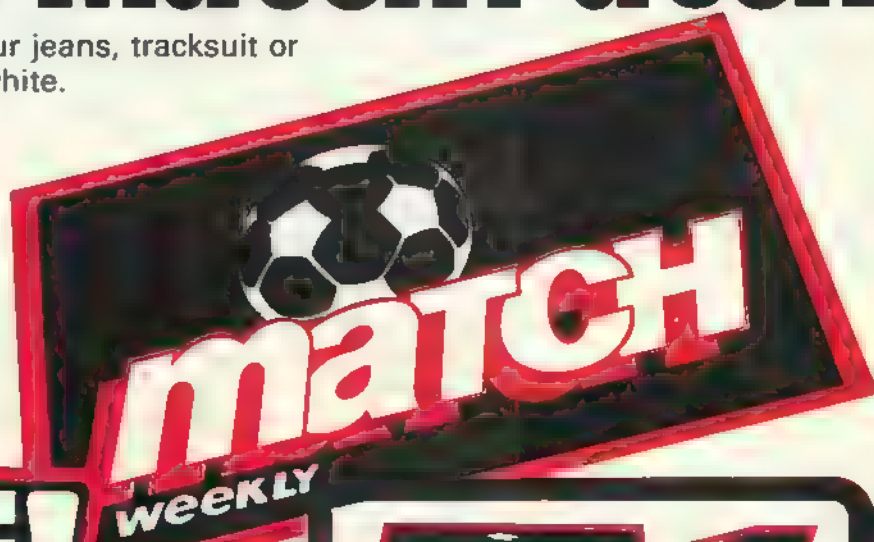
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● **EVERY** morning before a home match Andy Dunlop's 30-strong task force assembles in his office

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And he should know because before he took on the job as security manager at Chelsea, he had spent 30 years with the Metropolitan Police, including three years as Chief Superintendent at Tottenham and a similar time in charge at Wembley.

"Basically I'm responsible for anything connected with putting on a match from an operational point of view," says Andy, whose title now takes in that of Stadium manager.



● **HEAD** trainer Norman Medhurst and chartered physiotherapist Eddie Franklin are the men who run the Chelsea engine room — deep in the bowels of the giant East Stand.

Norman (pictured above) has been with the club for 16 years. He was assistant to his father Harry for the first ten and took over full responsibility for the first-team when Harry left.

Norman takes care of all the kit and players not able to join the main squad train with him before going down for treatment. He also takes care of the school boys who are associated with the club when they go to the ground for evening training.

"The job itself is tremendous. Every day is a bonus. I'm getting paid for something I enjoy doing," says Norman.

The big drawback is the hours. As well as his responsibilities at Chelsea, Norman is trainer with the England team and there are times when he hardly ever sees his wife Sue and children Gavin (8) and Kirsty (5).

Norman works closely with physio Eddie Franklin who has been with Chelsea for five years.

"I had a practice in Harley Street before, although I worked for Enfield FC in an honorary capacity for 16 years," says Eddie.

With about 48 players on Chelsea's books — including apprentices — Eddie's kept fairly busy.

"We've got a lot of players, but the facilities here are excellent. It's very well equipped."



● **FORMER** Chelsea star Ian Hutchinson (pictured below) now sits in an office high in the East Stand . . . overlooking the pitch where he made his name.

'Hutch' did a great job for Chelsea on the park. Now he serves the club in another vital role as 'promotions executive'. It's his third year in the job, which he took on six months after he was cruelly forced out of the game by injury.

Ian's job now includes looking after match sponsorship, getting adverts for the match-day programmes, hoardings around the ground and electronic scoreboard, and selling the push boxes in the East and West Stands — one of which he uses as an office.

It was when Chelsea's commercial manager left that 31-year-old Ian, who has a wife Kim and a son Benjamin, stepped into his new role.



● COCKNEY

character George Anstiss has lovingly cared for the Stamford Bridge turf for more than 40 years. Chelsea Football Club is his life. He says: "I love Chelsea Football Club. There's always been something magical about this club for me."

Helping out George, the ground foreman, is his son John and the third member of the team is Arthur Pitman.

Keeping Chelsea in the family, George's wife Florence works on a part-time basis at the ground's sports shop.



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MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 57, Division 2, 1906–07.
MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 98, Division 1, 1960–61.
LEAGUE SCORING RECORD: Jimmy Greaves, 41, 1960–61.
MOST AGGREGATE GOALS: Bobby Tambling, 164, 1958–70.
MOST APPEARANCES: Ron Harris, 753 (up to the start of this season).
MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Ray Wilkins, 24, England.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £750,000 clear from Manchester United for Ray Wilkins, 1979.
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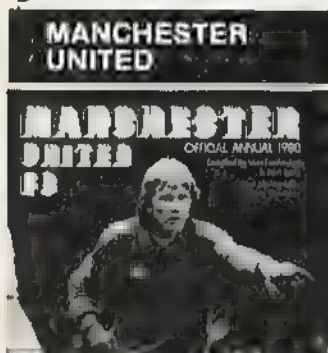
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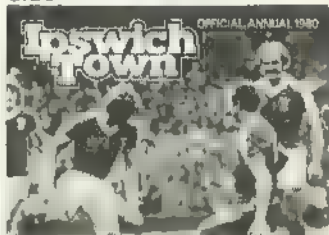
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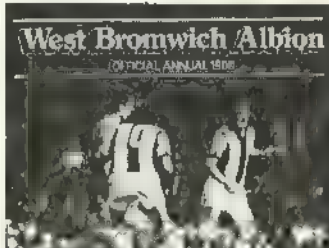
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MW1

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Biggins 53)
ORIENT (0) 0
 Att: 6,176
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn 6, King 7, Leonard 6, Turner 7, Griffin 6, Keay 7, Edwards 7, Atkins 7, ★**CHAPMAN** 8, Biggins 7, Mann 7
 Orient: ★**DAY** 8, Fisher 6, Roffey 6, Margerison 6 (sub. Chiedoie 6), Gray 6, Taylor 7, Whittle 7, Hughton 6, Mayo 6, Moores 6, Coates 6
 Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Clarke 82)
PRESTON (0) 1 (Elliott, Steve 58)
 Att: 24,594
 Sunderland: Turner 7, Whitworth 6, Gilbert 6, ★**CLARKE** 8, Elliott, Shaun 7, Chisholm 6, Buckley 6, Lee 6, Brown 6, Rostron 5, Rowell 5 (sub. Dunn 7)
 Preston: Tunks 7, Taylor 7, Cameron 7, Burns 7, Baxter 7, Blackley 7, ★**BELL** 8, Haslegrave 7, Elliott, Steve 7, Potts 5 (sub. Thomson 6)
 Referee: T. L. Morris (Leeds)
 Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (0) 0
LEICESTER (2) 2 (Rofe 20, 30)
 Att: 15,104
 Swansea: Lethery 4, Evans 6, ★**RUSHBURY** 8, Charles 6, Phillips 7, Stevenson 6, Craig 5, James 5 (sub. Attley 5), Toshack 5, Waddle 6, Callaghan 7
 Leicester: Wallington 6, Williams 6, ★**ROFE** 8, Peake 6, May 7, O'Neill 7, Byrne 6, Henderson 6 (sub. Goodwin 7), Young 7, Kelly 7, Smith 7
 Referee: L. C. Shapter (Newton Abbot)
 Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (1) 2 (Bolton 39, Jenkins 64)
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Shaw 23)
 Att: 13,598
 Watford: Rankin 8, How 6, ★**BOLTON** 7, Sims 6, Harrison 6, Joslyn 6, Train 6, Blissett 6, Jenkins 6, Cassells 5 (sub. Mercer 6), Ward 5
 Charlton: Johns 6, Hazell 6, Warman 6, Shaw 6, Berry 6, Madden 6, Powell 5, ★**WILSON** 7, Robinson 6, Walker 6, Walsh 6 (sub. Ambrose 6)
 Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
 Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Stewart, pen 67, Lansdowne 70)
BURNLEY (1) 1 (Scott 41)
 Att: 18,327
 West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 7, Brush 6, Bonds 6, Martin 7, Allen 7, Neighbour 7, Lansdowne 6, Cross 7, ★**BROOKING** 8, Devonshire 6
 Burnley: Stevenson 7, ★**SCOTT** 8, Jakub 6, Hall 7, Thomson 7, Rodaway 6, Young 6 (sub. Brennan), Dobson 6, Fletcher 7, Kindon 7, James 7
 Referee: D. Hutchinson (Cambs)
 Match Rating: ★★

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Vinter 87)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
 Att: 9,183
 Wrexham: Davies 7, Darracott 6, Jones 7, Davis 7, Roberts 7, Giles 5 (sub. Dwyer 6), ★**VINTER** 8, Sutton 6, McNeil 6, Fox 6, Hill 5
 Notts County: Leonard 7, Richards 6, O'Brien 7, Hunt 6, ★**STUBBS** 8, Blockley 7, McCulloch 6, Masson 7, Christie 7, Hooks 6, Mair 6 (sub. Benjamin)
 Referee: G. P. Owen (Anglesey)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

MILLWALL (2) 3 (Lyons 14, Chatterton 41, 53)
HULL CITY (2) 2 (Tait 8, Phillips 35)
 Att: 6,001
 Millwall: ★**JACKSON** 8, Donaldson 6, Roberts, P 7, Chatterton 7, Tagg 6, Blyth 7 (sub. O'Callaghan 6), Towner 7, Seasman 6, Lyons 7, Mitchell 6, Mehmet 6
 Hull: ★**BLACKBURN** 8, Nisbet 6, de Vries 6, Croft 6, Dobson 6, Tait 7, Roberts, G 6, Moss 7, Edwards 7, Phillips 6, Farley 6
 Referee: L. F. Burden (Dorset)
 Match Rating: ★★

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (2) 2 (Binney 29, 33)
BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Kellow 25, Jones 74)
 Att: 5,693
 Plymouth: Brown 6, Hodges 7, McNeil 7, James 6, Foster 6, Bason 7, Harrison 5, Kemp 7, ★**BINNEY** 8, Randell 7, Johnson 5
 Blackpool: ★**McALLISTER** 9, Gardiner 7, Pashley 5, Doyle 8, Suddaby 6, McEwan 6, Malone 5, Kellow 7, Jones 6, Smith 6, Weston 7 (sub. Kerr)
 Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Suddaby (Blackpool)

READING (1) 1 (Earles 13)
MANSFIELD (0) 0
 Att: 5,878
 Reading: Death 6, ★**HETZKE** 7, White 6, Bowman 6, Shipperley 5, Moreline 6, Earles 6, Kearney 6, Heale 4 (sub. Kearns 5), Sanchez 6, Wanklyn 6
 Mansfield: Arnold 6, Dawkins 6, Wood 6, Curtis 6, ★**BIRD** 7, McClelland 6, Lathan 6, Taylor 5, Austin 6, Hamilton 6, Allen 5 (sub. Caldwell)
 Referee: B. Hill (Wellingborough)
 Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (2) 3 (Bourne, pen 20, de Goey 34, Matthews 85)
OXFORD (1) 1 (Graydon, pen 7)
 Att: 17,349
 Sheff Utd: Conroy 7, Cutbush 7, Tibbott 7, Kenworthy 7, McPhail 7, Matthews 7, de Goey 6, ★**BOURNE** 8, Butlin 6, Speight 7, Sabella 7
 Oxford: Burton 7, Taylor 7, Fogg 6, Briggs 6, Stott 7, Jeffrey 6, ★**GRAYDON** 8, Duncan 7, Berry 6, Cooke 7, Hodgson 7
 Referee: D. E. Clarke (Accrington)
 Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON (1) 3 (McHale, pen 28, Carter 58, Mayes 61)
GRIMSBY (0) 0
 Att: 8,825
 Swindon: Allen 7, Lewis 5,

Templeman 6, McHale 6, Tucker 7, Stroud 7, Miller 6, Carter 6, Rowland 7, ★**MAYES** 8, Williams 7
 Grimsby: Batch 6, Moore, D 6, Moore, K 6, Waters 6, Wiggington 7, Crombie 7, Broily 6, ★**FORD** 8 (sub. Kilmore), Liddell 7, Mitchell 6, Cumming 7
 Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
 Match Rating: ★★

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Funnell 21)
EXETER (0) 0
 Att: 7,538
 Gillingham: Hillyard 7, ★**SHARPE** 8, Barker 6, Overton 7, Young 7, Crabbe 6, Nicholl 6, Bruce 6, Price 6, Funnell 7, Richardson 6 (sub. Westwood 6)
 Exeter: O'Keefe 7, Mitchell 6, Hatch 7, Hore 6, Giles 7, Forbes 6, Neville 7, Bowker 7, Sims 6, ★**DELVE** 8, Pullar 5 (sub. Rogers)
 Referee: A. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
 Match Rating: ★★

BLACKBURN (0) 0
ROTHERHAM (0) 3 (Gwyther 56, 62, Finney 75)
 Att: 7,435
 Blackburn: Arnold 7, Rathbone 6, Parkes 6, ★**KENDALL** 8, Keeley 7, Fazackerley 6, Brotherstone 6, Coughlin 6, Craig 5, McKenzie 6, Stonehouse 7
 Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrester 6, Tiler 7, Rhodes 7, Green 7, Brechin 7, Gooding 6, McEwan 7, Gwyther 7, ★**FERN** 8, Finney 7
 Referee: K. McNally (South Wirral)
 Match Rating: ★★

BURY (1) 1 (Beamish, pen 43)
WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Leslie 20, Ketteridge 76)
 Att: 2,790
 Bury: Forrest 6, Constantine 6, Waddington 7, Howard 6, Kennedy 6, Waldron 4, Wilson 5, Halford 5, Mullen 6, Beamish 5, ★**GREGORY** 8
 Wimbledon: Goddard 7, Perkins 7, Cunningham 6, Bowgett 7, Jones 6, Ketteridge 6, Lewington 5, Galliers 7,

Cork 6, Parsons 6, ★**LESLIE** 8
 Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRENTFORD (0) 2 (McNichol 64, Phillips 89)
SOUTHEND (0) 0
 Att: 6,930
 Brentford: Bond 7, Shrubbs 7, Tucker 6, ★**McNICHOL** 8, Salmon 7, Fraser 6, Carlton 6, Graham 6, Holmes, L 6, Holmes, B 7, Phillips 7
 Southend: ★**CAWSTON** 8, Dudley 7, Moody 6, Cusack 6, Yates 6, Stead 7, Otulakowski 6, Morris 7, Pountney 7, Tuohy 7, Gray 6
 Referee: A. Robinson (Waterlooville)
 Match Rating: ★★

CARLISLE (0) 2 (Bonnyman 49, Beardsley 87)
CHESTER (0) 2 (Jones 53, Raynor, pen 64)
 Att: 4,324
 Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Hoolickin 6, McCartney 5, McDonald 5, ★**BEARDSLEY** 8, Parker 6, Hughes 7, Bonnyman 7, Bannan 6, Hamilton 7, McCailey 5 (sub. Ludlam 5)
 Chester: Millington 6, Raynor 7, Walker 7, Storton 6, Cottam 6, ★**JONES** 8, Sutcliffe 7, Ruggiero 7, Edwards 7, Phillips 7, Henderson 6
 Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
 Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Walker 12, Crawford 18)
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 1 (Smith, pen 24)
 Att: 14,950
 Chesterfield: Tingay 7, Kowalski 6, O'Neill 7, Ridley 6, ★**GREEN** 8, Hunter 6, Birch 6, Moss 6, Walker 6, Salmons 7, Crawford 6
 Sheff Wed: Cox 7, Blackhall 7, Grant 5, ★**SMITH** 8, Mullen 5, Hornsby 6, Wyld 5, Porterfield 5, Owen 6, McCulloch 6 (sub. Johnson 8), King 6
 Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)
 Match Rating: ★★



Andy Gray: two more goals.



COLCHESTER (0) 0
BARNSELY (0) 0
 Att: 3,376
 Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Wright 5, Lesley 5, Wignall 6, ★**PACKER 7**, Hodge 6, Gough 6, Foley 5, Lee 6, Allinson 6.
 Barnsley: Pierce 6, Flavell 6, Chambers 6, Glavin 7, Collins 5, McCarthy 7, Banks 6, ★**RILEY 8**, Pugh 6, Miller 6, Bell 7.
 Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton, Hants)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

CREWE ALEXANDRA (1) 2
 (Chesters 17, Coyne 85)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Waldock 51)
 Att: 1,909
 Crewe: Felgate 6, Wilkinson 7, Bowers 7, Hunter 6, Scott 6, Lewis 7, ★**GUY 8**, Purdie 6, Chesters 7, Coyne 6, Nelson 6.
 Northampton: ★**POOLE 7**, Walker 5, Sandercock 6, Reilly 6, Waldock 6, Ward 5 (sub. Farmer), Denyer 6, Sargent 5, McCaffrey 6, Townsend 5, Bowen 5.
 Referee: R. A. Banks (Radcliffe, Manchester)
 Match Rating: ★★

HALIFAX (0) 2 (Mountford 61, Dunleavy 76)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Newton 54)
 Att: 2,293
 Halifax: Kilner 7, Dunleavy 7, Hutt 7, Evans 6, Harris 6, ★**HENDRIE 8**, Kennedy 7, Stafford 6, Mountford 7, Johnson 6, Burke 6 (sub. Whiteley 7), Hartlepool: Watson 6, Sweeney 7, Normanton 6, Smith 7, Brooks 6, Ayre 6, Lawrence 6, ★**HOUCHE 8**, Newton 7, Harding 6 (sub. Larkin), Loadwick 7.
 Referee: A. Dobson (Blackburn)
 Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Guest, og 48)
LINCOLN (0) 1 (Harford 89)
 Att: 4,035
 Newport: Plumley 6, Walden 6, Warriner 5, Davies 5, ★**OAKES 8**, Thompson 7, Vaughan 7, Lowndes 5, Goddard 6, Tynan 7, Moore 7 (sub. Aldridge 6).
 Lincoln: Grotier 6, Guest 5, Neale 6, Watson 6, Saunders 6, Peake 5, Hobson 6, Carr 6, ★**HARFORD 8**, Cunningham 6, Cockerill 6 (sub. Sunley 5).
 Referee: S. Bates (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Kellock, pen 25, Chard 73)
HEREFORD (0) 0
 Att: 4,061
 Peterborough: Waugh 7, Carmichael 6, Phillips 6, Chard 7, Smith 6, Foster 6, ★**GYNN 8**, Kellock 7, Guy 6, Robson 7, Heppollette 6.
 Hereford: Hughes 7, Price 6, Burrows 5, Cornes 5, Layton 6, Hunt 6, ★**CUNNINGHAM 8**, Feeley 6 (sub. White 7), McGrellis 7, Hendry 6, Phillips 6.
 Referee: M. Bidmead (Chessington)
 Match Rating: ★★

PORTSMOUTH (2) 5 (Aizlewood 27, Brisley 43, Garwood, pen 54, pen 71, Laidlaw 70)
YORK (1) 2 (Lorimer 42, Kay 67)
 Att: 14,917
 Portsmouth: Mellor 6, McLaughlin 6, Styles 7, Brisley 7, Aizlewood 6, Ellis 6, ★**GARWOOD 8**, Laidlaw 7, Hemmerman 6, Bryant 6 (sub. Barnard 6), Rogers 6.
 York: Neenan 7, Kamara 6, Kay 6, Pugh 6, Faulkner 7, James 7, Eccles 6, ★**LORIMER 8**, Wellings 6, McDonald 6, Staniforth 6.
 Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
 Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (1) 5 (Wright 9, 60, Owen 54, Farrell 83, 85)
ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Esser 37)
 Att: 2,835
 Port Vale: Dance 6, Beech 6, Griffiths 7, Bromage 6, Sproson 6, Bentley 7, Owen 7, Farrell 8, ★**WRIGHT 9**, Chamberlain 7, Healy 8.



Billy Kellock: now on nine goals.

Rochdale: Watson 6, Cliff 5, Esser 7, Weir 6, Bannon 5, Taylor 6, Hoy 6, Wann 6, ★HILDITCH 8, Scaife 6, Jones 7.
 Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
 Match Rating: ★★

WALSALL (1) 1 (Buckley 16)
ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Dungworth 44)
 Att: 5,137
 Walsall: Green, R 7, ★**MACKEN 9**, Mower 7, Sbragia 7, Serella 7, Paul 6, Penn 6, Waddington 6, McDonough 7, Buckley 8, Caswell 7, Aldershot: ★**JOHNSON 9**, Howitt 7, Wooler 8, Dixon 7, Bennett 6, Youlden 7, Crosby 7, Brodie 7, French 7, Dungworth 7, McGregor 7 (sub. Green, A 8).
 Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
 Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (1) 4 (Moore 14, Gore 50, Hinnigan 80, Houghton 83)
BRADFORD CITY (1) 1 (Staniforth 30)
 Att: 8,009
 Wigan: Shyne 7, Gore 7, Hinnigan 7, Urquhart 7, David 7, Fretwell 7, ★**CORRIGAN 9**, Wright 7, Brownbill 7, Moore 7, Houghton 8.
 Bradford City: Smith 6, Podd 6, Watson 6, Wood 6, ★**BAINES 7**, Cooper 6, Bates 6, Dolan 6, Staniforth 6, McNiven 6, Hutchins 6.
 Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
 Match Rating: ★★

TORQUAY (2) 4 (Lawrence 21, Cooper 33, 65, 82)
DARLINGTON (0) 0
 Att: 2,805
 Torquay: Turner 6, Twitchin 6, Ritchie 7, Hagen 7, Bourne 8, Sermann 7, Davies 6 (sub. Coffill), Lawrence 7 ★**COOPER 8**, Smith 6, Murphy 7.
 Darlington: Owers 6, Coleman 6, Cochrane 5, Nattress 6, Bainbridge 5, Smith 5, McLean 6, Charlton 6, Ferguson 5, Ellis 5 (sub. Peachey 6), ★**WALSH 7**.
 Referee: B. Stevenson (Stonehouse, Glos.)
 Match Rating: ★★

Scottish Premier

CELTIC (2) 3 (MacLeod 2, MacDonald 29, McAdam 90)
ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Stark 76)
 Att: 29,000
 Celtic: Latchford 6, Sneddon 7.



Bob Hutton: on target for Luton.

McGrain 6, ★AITKEN 8, MacDonald 6, McAdam 7, Provan 7, Davidson 6, McCluskey 7 (sub. Lennox), MacLeod 7, Boyle 7.
 St Mirren: Thomson 6, Beckett 6 (sub. Weir 6), Munro 6, Richardson 6, Dunlop 6, ★**COPELAND 7**, Bone 6, Stark 5, Somner 5, Docherty 6, McDougal 5.
 Referee: D. Ramsay (Edinburgh)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sendings Off: MacDonald (Celtic), Somner (St Mirren)

KILMARNOCK (1) 2 (Clark 9, Cairney 79)
RANGERS (0) 1 (Stone 82)
 Att: 16,000
 Kilmarnock: ★**McCULLOCH 8**, McLean 7, Robertson 6, Clark 7, Clarke 7, McDicken 7, Houston 7, Gibson 7, Bourke 6, Mauchlen 7, Cairney 6.
 Rangers: ★**McCLOY 7**, Jardine 6, Dawson 5, Stevens 5, Jackson 6, MacDonald, A 6, McLean 6, (sub. MacDonald, J 5), Miller 5, Johnstone 5, Smith 6, Cooper 5.
 Referee: W. Cuthill (Edinburgh)
 Match Rating: ★★

MORTON (0) 4 (Ritchie 53, 65, Scott 60, Kirkwood, og 68)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Pettigrew 52)
 Att: 8,500
 Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 7, Holmes 6, Orr 7, McGaughlin 6, Rooney 6, McNeil 7, Miller 6, Hutchison 6, Scott 6, ★**MITCHE 8**.
 Dundee Utd: Bonetti 5, Kirkwood 6, Stark 6, Phillip 6, Hegarty 6, Narey 5, Fleming 6, ★**STURROCK 8**, Pettigrew 6, Kerr 5 (sub. Dodds 6), Payne 7 (sub. Addison 6).
 Referee: W. Anderson (East Kilbride)
 Match Rating: ★★

PARTICK THISTLE (1) 2 (McAdam 41, Melrose 56)
HIBS (0) 1 (Campbell, og 68)
 Att: 5,000
 Partick: ★**ROUGH 9**, McKinnon 7, Whitaker 7, Campbell, J 6 (sub. Jardine 5), McAdam 7, Marr 7, Park 7, Melrose 7, O'Hara 6, Gibson 6, Boyle 6.
 Hibs: McDonald 7, Brazil 6, Farmer 5, Campbell, C 5 (sub. Rae 5), ★**STEWART 8**, McNamara 6, Duncan 6, Hutchinson 6 (sub. Brown 5), Ward 5, Lambie 5, Higgins 5.
 Referee: B. R. McGinley (Glasgow)
 Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE (0) 0
ABERDEEN (2) 4 (Jarvie 9, 10, Harper 76, Archibald 80)
 Att: 11,817
 Dundee: Donaldson 6, Turnbull 4, ★**SCHAEDELER 7**, Watson 5 (sub. Fletcher 6), Glennie 6, McGeachie 4, Murphy 6, Millar 5, Sinclair 6, MacLaren 6, Shirra 6.
 Aberdeen: Clark 7, ★**KENNEDY 8**, Considine 7, Bell 6 (sub. Scanlon 6), Garner 6, McLeish 7, Simon 8, Archibald 6, Harper 6, McMaster 7, Jarvie 7.
 Referee: T. Kellock (East Kilbride)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division One

AIRDRIE (3) 5 (McKeown 3, Gordon 19, Clark 32, McGuire 83, Lapsley 87)
DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (McNaughton 5)
 Att: 2,000

BERWICK RANGERS (3) 7 (Morton, pen 42, 48, 63, Tait 13, 41, Newman 77, McAffrey 84)
ARBROATH (1) 2 (Mylles 21, Kidd, pen 53)
 Att: 1,136

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Ronald 55)
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 2 (Brogan 50, Goldthorpe 56)
 Att: 1,200

HEARTS (3) 4 (Fraser 5, 19, Gibson, pen 9, 88)
CLYDE (0) 1 (Dolan 48)
 Att: 5,700

MOTHERWELL (2) 3 (Irvine 27, Clinging 32, McLaughlin 67)
DUMFARNAWATH (0) 0
 Att: 3,500

RAITH ROVERS (0) 2 (Miller 57, Ford 65)
AYR UNITED (1) 2 (Fry 21, 71)
 Att: 2,500

STIRLING ALBION (2) 2 (Kennedy, A 6, 12)
HAMILTON (1) 2 (Graham 3, McQuade, pen 87)
 Att: 1,200

Division Two

ALBION ROVERS (0) 1 (Coyle 81)
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 2 (Meikle, og 54, Brisbane 56)
 Att: 300

COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Mossat 67)
QUEENS PARK (0) 0
 Att: 668

EAST STIRLING (2) 3 (Grant 8, 12, McCormack 60)
STRANRAER (1) 1 (Robertson, og 27)
 Att: 250

FORFAR (0) 0
ALLOA (0) 2 (Holt 87, Ferguson 89)
 Att: 890

MEADOWBANK (0) 0
FALKIRK (1) 3 (Leetion 20, 65, McCallan 55)
 Att: 1,100

MONTROSE (1) 1 (Oliver 26)
EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Mackie 79)
 Att: 900

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (Alexander 47)
BRECHIN CITY (1) 1 (Campbell, lan, pen 20)
 Att: 1,400

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